

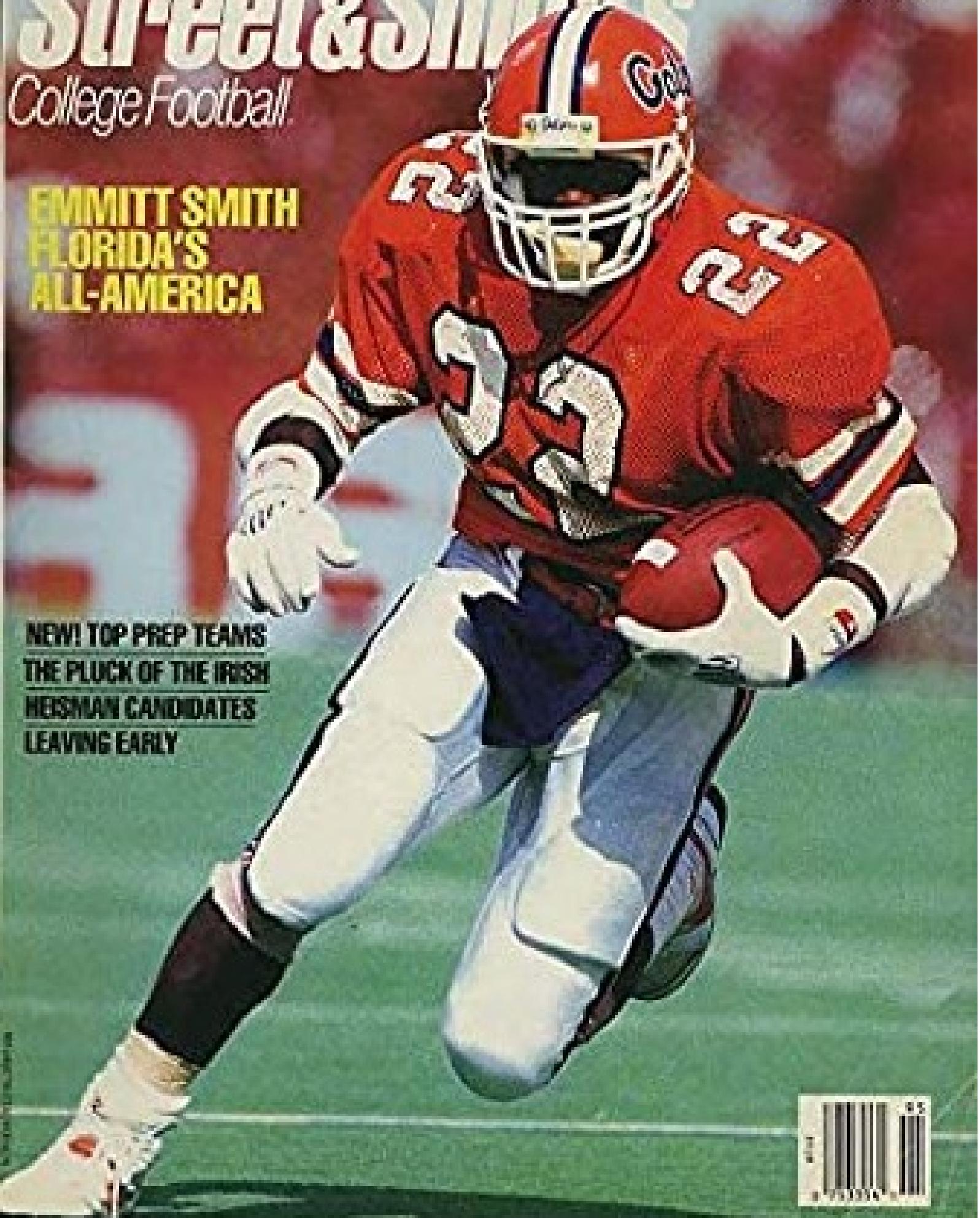
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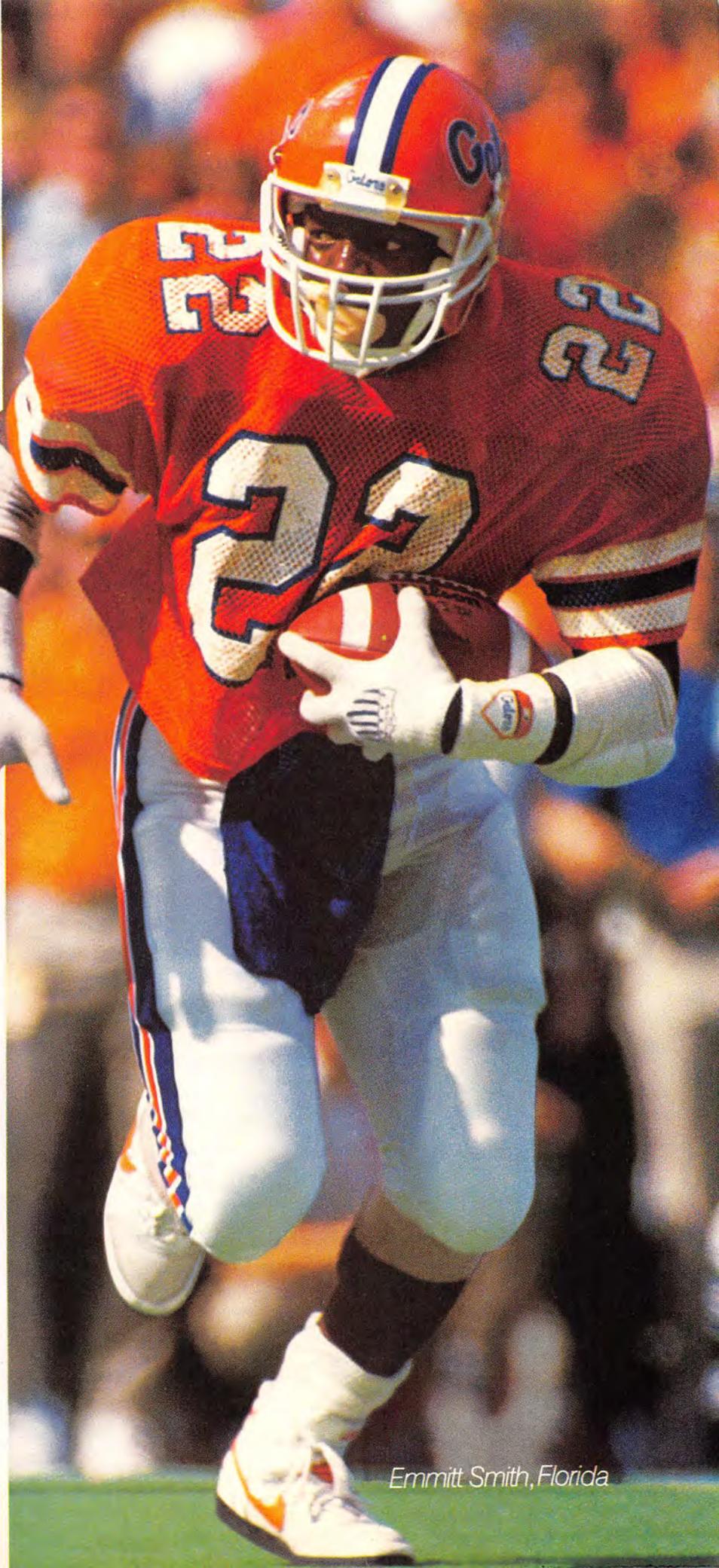
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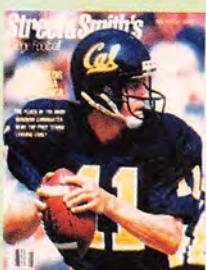
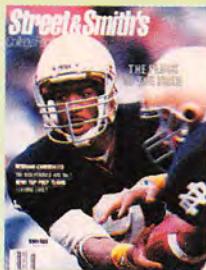
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Emmitt Smith, Florida

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



When Barry Sanders won the Heisman Trophy last December, he seemed less than elated. In Tokyo for Oklahoma State's season finale, he wore his game face when he appeared on camera, via satellite transmission. He thanked God, his parents, and his teammates for the award, then quickly vanished before the start of a scheduled news conference, evading the press as easily as he avoided his would-be tacklers all year. Sanders left to prepare for Texas Tech, against whom he ran for 257 yards and four touchdowns hours afterward. That raised his season totals to 2,553 yards and 39 TDs—both records. Of the Trophy he richly deserved, Sanders later said, "The Heisman is something I can take with me for a lifetime."

Sanders is the first Heisman winner in seven years not to appear on the cover of Street & Smith's. Had he elected to remain in school for his senior season, Sanders would have been a cover subject for our 1989 edition (thus keeping our streak alive). Instead, he joined the pro ranks and passed up a chance to join Archie Griffin as the only two-time winners of the Trophy. Other would-be Heisman candidates who left school early are quarterbacks Steve Walsh (Miami) and Timm Rosenbach (Washington State) and running backs Tim Worley (Georgia), Sammie Smith (Florida State), and Bobby Humphrey (Alabama).

That should make for a wide-open Heisman race this fall. Among the many contenders are the following, who grace the regional covers of the 1989 Street & Smith's College Football: quarterbacks Major Harris (West Virginia), Tony Rice (Notre Dame), Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State), Troy Taylor (California), Bill Musgrave (Oregon), and Demetrius Brown (Michigan), running back Emmitt Smith (Florida), and safety Mark Carrier (Southern Cal). The best of luck to all of them.



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■ Will Clark was not an Ole Miss All-American. He was a Mississippi State All-American. Please try to get your facts straight so you won't embarrass Will, MSU, or its Diamond Dog baseball fans again.

STEPHANIE SELLERS, Meridian, MS
P.S. Bobby Thigpen, Rafael Palmeiro, Jeff Brantley, and Jack Lazorko are also from MSU.

■ I have just started reading Street & Smith's and I was disappointed to learn that you do not cover hockey. Hockey may be

mostly a Canadian sport, but you publish a baseball issue, and that has two baseball teams in it, and in your pro football issue you cover the Canadian Football League. In the future I would like to see an issue on hockey.

JASON ZAKZEWSKI, Philadelphia, PA

■ I have been buying Street & Smith's for 30 years, but Baseball 1989 was just great. Keep up the good work.

NORMAN AUTIO, Sudbury, Ontario

■ I am an avid Kirby Puckett fan and I just wanted to take the time to thank you for an interesting article [1989 Baseball]. In fact, it's hanging on my wall with the rest of my articles, pictures, and posters.

AARON SIKORA, Allen Park, MI

■ After three great seasons at Indiana, Anthony Thompson appears to be a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy in 1989. As an Indiana alumnus living in the heart of UM country, nothing could be finer than to see Anthony on the Midwest cover of your prestigious publication.

ROBERT B. PAUSZEK JR., M.D.,
Farmington Hills, MI

Indiana coach Bill Mallory said of Thompson, "For the first time in my career, I feel I've got a candidate for the Heisman." That is also the consensus opinion on the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. But the 1989 Midwest covers

of Street & Smith's College Football show Tony Rice of defending national champion Notre Dame and Demetrius Brown of Michigan, our preseason No. 1 team.

■ In your article on the Cy Young Awards [in 1989 Baseball] you wrote that Orel Hershiser won the fifth and final game of the World Series by pitching a four-hit shutout. If memory serves, I believe the hit total is correct, but the A's definitely scored two runs off Hershiser. You guys ever heard of proofreaders?

M. CENOZ, Dallas, TX
Talk about shutouts! Our minds went blank temporarily.

■ Two statistics that you don't have and I would like to see in your Baseball issue are career doubles and triples for inactive and active players.

LEONARD HOBACK, Skygusty, WV

■ I've been buying Street & Smith's Baseball issue since 1982. I practically camp out at the newsstand waiting for its release. After reading Maury Allen's analysis of the National League in 1986, I was irate over what seemed to be a bias towards the Mets. I still notice that (but I hate the Mets, so maybe I'm paranoid), but I'm more bothered by wrong facts. When he described Will Clark as an Ole Miss All-American, I laughed. Being an LSU graduate, I take delight in all those Mississippi State fans

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being up in arms over the error about their All-American. But when I read the article about the Braves, I wondered if it was written last August. He talked about Ozzie Virgil, who isn't even on the Braves roster, and didn't even mention Jody Davis, who was traded to the Braves last season.

SHELLY TYLER, Baton Rouge, LA

I recently flipped through your Pro Football issue and was interested to find that many of the teams have their own magazine. Being an avid fan of the Denver Broncos, I diligently searched for an ad for their magazine, but found none. Do they have their own paper or magazine?

ERIC OLSEN, Bainbridge, NY

The Denver Broncos do not publish their own magazine or newspaper, nor are they aware of any such publication about their team. For more information on the team, write to the Denver Broncos, 5700 Logan Street, Denver, CO 80216.

Having read and studied Street & Smith's College Football and Basketball magazines for many years, I have a suggestion that I think would improve them. The sun rises in the East and sets in the West, and for better reading for reference so should the conferences in the magazines. The East would be the first section, followed by the Atlantic Coast, the South-eastern Conference, the Big Ten, the Big

Eight and so forth across the country. It would make it much easier for the reader and faster for those who want to look up a name, a team, etc. to know where teams are located in the magazine.

JOHN J. CAHILL, Columbus, OH

I would like to congratulate you for writing about Sean Elliott. Your magazine has put him on the [West] cover and given him the title of All-America basketball player. I thank your staff for putting all the teams in the NCAA in good perspective.

DANIEL LOFTON, Los Angeles, CA

Sean Elliott was honored as Street & Smith's Exemplary Athlete of the Year.

If you will allow me to make two recommendations for your College Football issue: (1) add the names of the assistant coaches and their positions and (2) extend your coverage to the small colleges and list the names of the important players.

ALFREDO MAXEMIN, Guadalajara, MX

The subject is baseball. The Baseball issue is improved. Pictures in color. The lineups are in deep details, the manager of the team, the coaches. So far, fine.

Baseball has needs of all the elements: the players, the owners, the coaches, and the stadiums. But forgetting the umpires? At no place in the book are the umpires and their

data listed. Why? Can you picture baseball without the umpires? Bedlam. Compared to the players, they are poorly paid. In following issues I would suggest data on umpires and, yes, football referees. Do I make sense or am I out of line? Boo. Kill the umpire.

JAMES PALESE, Pelham, NY

There is no data on umpires in Street & Smith's Baseball because the story is about the game, the plays, the teams, the players. We don't believe that anyone goes to a game to see the umpires, and that in a well-officiated game the umpires are anonymous.

I enjoy your magazine very much. I read it quite frequently and I think that it is extraordinarily informative. Most often I read the Basketball issue, and I must say that last season's Pro Basketball inaugural issue was great. The articles on Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson were very good. I hope to see more issues like that one.

There is only one thing that I find very disappointing with your magazine. That is your failure to contain many color photos. Your magazine does have some, but it would be even better if the idea of color photos was expanded upon.

NANCY BENOIT, Boston, MA

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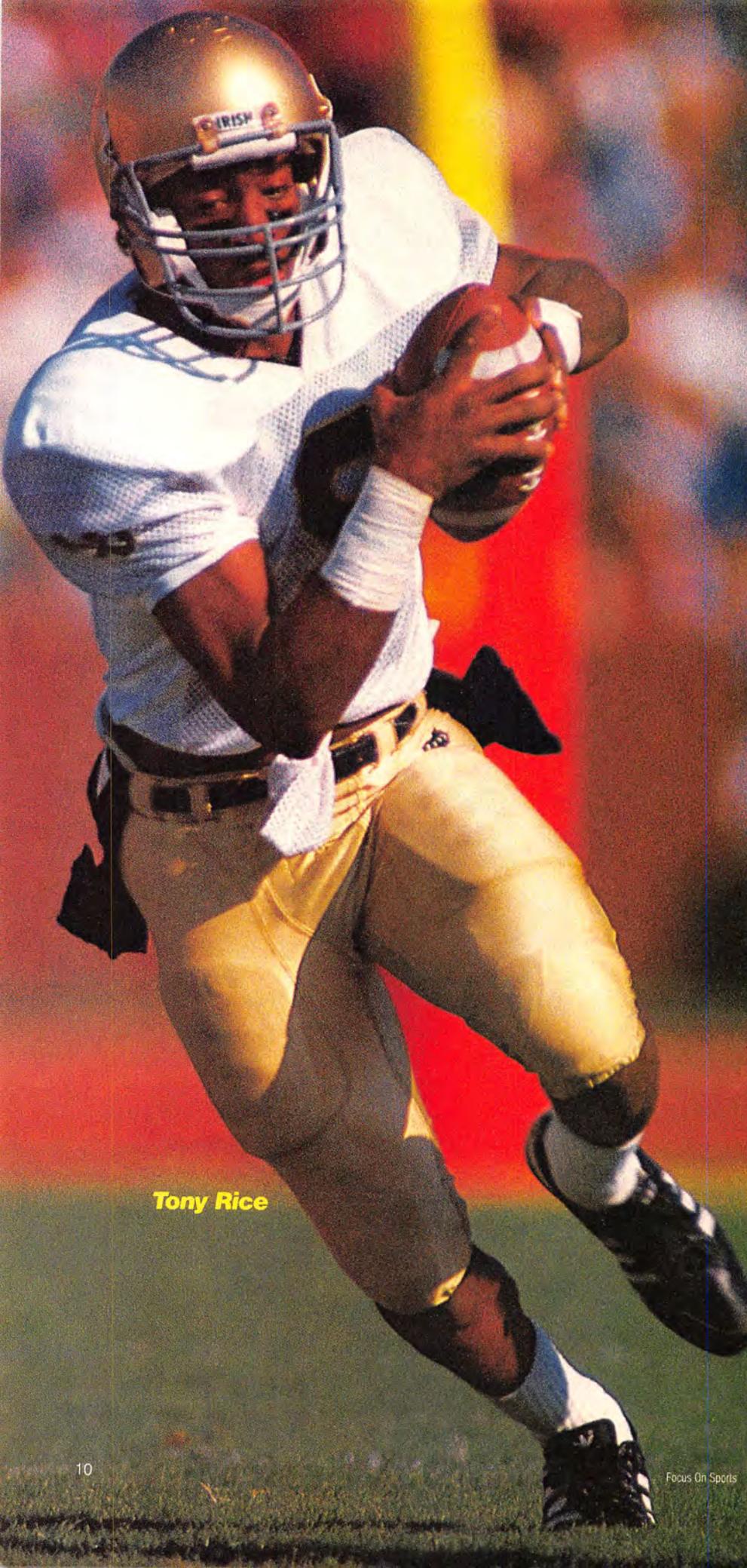
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Rice, an all-purpose quarterback whose skillful direction of the option is made possible by his speed and big-play passing, took Notre Dame to an unbeaten season in 1988 and its eighth national championship. He has shown dramatic improvement since early in 1987, when he inherited the No. 1 job after Terry Andrysiak broke his collarbone. Rice led the team in passing and running a year ago—the first Irish quarterback since Paul Hornung in 1956 to do so—and accounted for 17 touchdowns. He ran for 75 yards and completed 7 of 11 passes for a career-high 213 yards in the Fiesta Bowl victory over West Virginia. Voted MVP by his teammates, Rice owns one other impressive statistic: a 16-2 record as a starter.

Underwood, too, won a national championship, having helped Wagner defeat Dayton in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in 1987 for the Division III title. But unlike Rice, he made his mark immediately. The first time he touched the ball as a freshman, Underwood sprinted 67 yards for a touchdown. In his final carry a year ago, he ran 62 yards for another score. In between those two runs, Underwood rewrote the Division III record book, piling up over 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns.

Terry Underwood



Tony Rice

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of Oklahoma State was the 54th recipient of the Heisman Trophy, awarded annually to college football's outstanding player. A 5-8, 197-pound tailback, Sanders was the first player from his school and the eighth junior (the first since Herschel Walker in 1982) to be so honored.

A backup to Big Eight Offensive Player of the Year Thurman Thomas in 1987, Sanders also returned punts and kickoffs for the Cowboys that year. And so he began last fall in unheralded fashion. His coach, Pat Jones, felt that "Sanders and [Mitch] Nash...together will have about the same kind of stats as Thurman." But Sanders alone provided much more in a record-breaking season. He led the nation in rushing, with 2,553 yards, averaging 7.5 per carry and over 232 per game; in all-purpose running, with 3,250 yards; and in scoring, with 39 touchdowns and 234 points. He ran for over 300 yards three times, with a single-game high of 320 against Kansas State, and scored five touchdowns against both Tulsa and Kansas. Sanders led OSU to a 9-2 regular-season mark, then he ran for 227 yards and five TDs in the Cowboys' 62-14 Holiday Bowl victory over Wyoming.

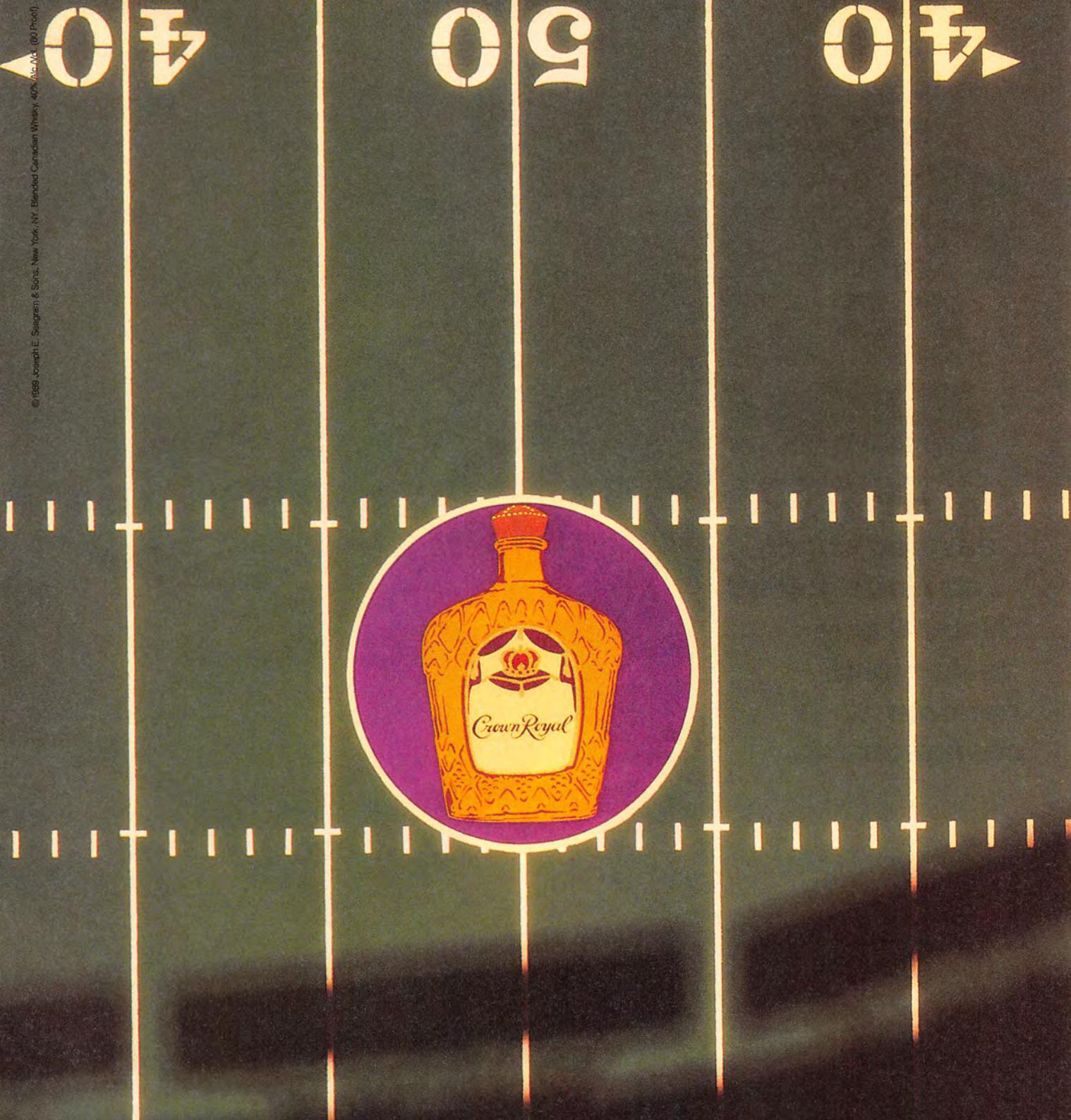
"The Heisman is something I can take with me for a lifetime," said Sanders. "I certainly had a lot of help, and it's something everyone can be proud of as far as the team's concerned."

Southern Cal quarterback Rodney Peete, a distant second in the balloting, paid tribute to Sanders, whom he called "well-deserving of the Trophy."

HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

player, school (first-place votes)	points
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State (559)	1,878
Rodney Peete, Southern Cal (70)	912
Troy Aikman, UCLA (31)	582
Steve Walsh, Miami (16)	341
Major Harris, West Virginia (27)	280
Tony Mandarich, Michigan State (3)	52
Timm Rosenbach, Washington State (6)	44
Deion Sanders, Florida State	22
Anthony Thompson, Indiana	21
Derrick Thomas, Alabama (3)	20





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THE PLUCK OF THE IRISH

In his third year as head coach, Lou Holtz guided Notre Dame to its eighth national championship.



Quarterback Tony Rice ran 65 yards for a touchdown against Southern Cal in Notre Dame's march to No. 1.

Robert Hagedorn

No one at Notre Dame—not the coaches, not the players, not the most rabid of fans—went into the 1988 season suspecting that when it was over, the Irish would be the undefeated national champions. Yes, there were signs, but they were the kind a sorcerer might distill from a bubbling cauldron.

There was the three-year factor, for instance. In 1943, Frank Leahy's third year as head coach, Notre Dame won the national championship. In 1966, Ara Parseghian's third year as head coach, Notre Dame won the national championship. In 1977, Dan Devine's third year as head coach, Notre Dame won the national championship. In 1988, Lou Holtz was headed into his third season as head coach. It was Holtz himself who picked up on another portent. After his 1987 squad was devastated by Texas A & M in the Cotton Bowl, Holtz pointed out, "The last time Notre Dame decisively lost a bowl game [40-6 to Nebraska in 1972], they came back and won the national championship the next year."

As an amateur magician himself, Holtz knows that there's no mystic sign, no secret potion involved in winning football games. Every magic trick is grounded in fundamental reality. And there were a lot of fundamental

questions to be answered at Notre Dame. The offensive line was new from top to bottom. There were good athletes there, to be sure, but how would they mesh as a unit? Quarterback Tony Rice was an inconsistent passer. In practice he was always sharp. In games he seldom was. How quickly could he improve? And how was Holtz going to replace Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, who made every kick return an adventure?

The players, too, had reservations as they gathered in August to prepare for the season opener against Michigan. "I don't think too many of us began two-a-days thinking we would win the national championship," recalled tri-captain Ned Bolcar. "We had a young defensive line and an inexperienced offensive line, the two major strengths of a team. The big question was Tony Rice. Could he throw the ball consistently?"

Holtz can pinpoint the moment when he first believed that he had, if not a national champion, at least a very good football team. The Irish had just come off the field after a practice in which "we had just pounded each other," Bolcar remembered.

"I said in a press conference after that scrimmage," said Holtz, "that if we ever be-

came a good football team you could circle August 20 on the calendar as the day it happened. It was very physical," he agreed. "I came off the field convinced our players would do whatever we asked of them."

Still, there is a long way between being good and being a champion. The way would include games against such powerful teams as Michigan, Miami, and Southern Cal. Michigan State, which was the defending Big Ten champion, was no slouch either, and Pittsburgh and Penn State have always been rugged foes for the Irish.

MICHIGAN VS. NOTRE DAME

So the focus back then was on Michigan, because that was the first game and the only one that mattered at the time. It could have ended right there. Perhaps neither team suspected how good it would become on that Saturday night in Notre Dame stadium. Michigan, too, was a team with questions to be answered. When the season was over the Wolverines could point to two plays that deprived them of a national championship. The first came in the Notre Dame game. It was the pivotal point of the season for both teams.

In a see-saw game, the Irish had gone in

Robert Hagedorn



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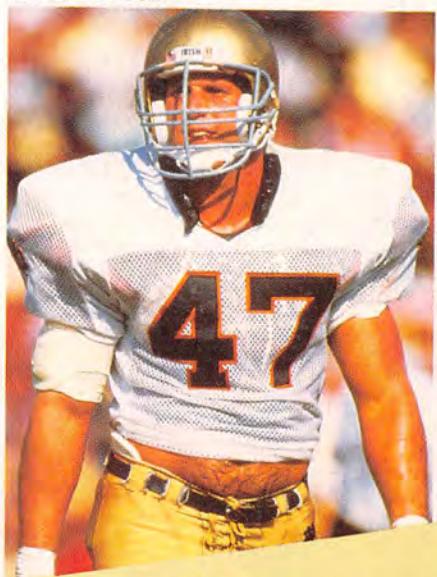
front, 19-17, on Reggie Ho's fourth field goal. But Michigan had time to maneuver into position for kicker Mike Gillette to win it. When Gillette lined up the 49-yard kick, he had no doubt he could make it. He had been in this situation before and had come through. Blessed with a powerful leg, he had kicked one from that distance not too many minutes earlier. Across the line, Bolcar swears, "What's going through our minds is he's going to miss it. The funny thing is, though, I'd been at Notre Dame three years, and in key situations like that I'd always say, 'God, let us make it, or let them miss it.' And every time, it seemed, it went against us. This time I didn't say anything. But I heard someone say he's going to miss it." He missed it.

"You've got to believe he won't make it," said Holtz. "What you tell the kids is, 'Make sure you don't rough the kicker, but put a little pressure on him.'"

MIAMI VS. NOTRE DAME

That was the first of two big breaks Notre Dame was to receive on the way to the championship. The second was in the Miami game when the Hurricanes' Cleveland Gary fumbled

Ned Bolcar



while going in for the potential tying touchdown. Replays convinced many people that at worst Miami should have had a first down at the Notre Dame 1-yard line.

"I'm not forgetting," said Bolcar, "that one field goal by Michigan and one no-fumble by Miami, and you never know how the season would have turned out. But you make your own breaks sometimes. When you're prepared, the ball goes your way. Every team that wins a national championship, somewhere

Lou Holtz

Al Messerschmidt



along the line, luck went their way. But you've got to put yourself into a position to be lucky. We were beating Michigan, they weren't beating us. Luckily, he missed the field goal. In the Miami game we were winning, not losing. A few series before the Cleveland Gary play, their tight end was hit and fumbled—if there ever was one—but they called it no fumble."

By the time of the Miami game it had become apparent that this could be a special season for the Irish. "About the third or fourth game," recalled Bolcar, "I started to realize

we had an opportunity to win quite a few, if not all, of our games. If you're a veteran squad, you're not going to get any better. But with a young group like ours, you know you can improve. Our offensive line jelled quicker than people thought. You can have the best running backs in the country and they aren't going anywhere without an offensive line. We always knew the defense was solid. In the Purdue game we put a lot of points on the board and I realized then how powerful we could be. Miami, we knew, would be the key. After Miami we knew our destiny was in our own hands."

It was the next game that convinced Holtz his team might go all the way. "I felt we really had a chance to do something after the Air Force game," he said. "We beat Miami and then when we came back and beat Air Force and played pretty well, I thought, 'We're now 7 and 0 and we really have a chance to make something happen.'"

It didn't take long for Holtz's mood to swing 180 degrees. The week after Air Force, the Irish played Navy. "That was the only time all year I was really upset," Holtz said. Notre Dame won, 22-7, but "I don't think we played very well. I don't want to take anything away from the performance of the Midshipmen, but the feeling just wasn't there that day. It's ironic because the following Monday, we were elevated to No. 1. I said at the time, 'You tell me that's justice!'"

Getting there may be half the fun, but staying there is the trick. Florida State, Miami, and UCLA had all been voted No. 1 before Notre Dame got there. "Once we became No. 1," admitted Holtz, "our players handled it well. They never got overawed or overwhelmed."

SOUTHERN CAL VS. NOTRE DAME

By then it was obvious that one more major obstacle lay in the path of a national championship, the regular-season closing game at Southern Cal. The Trojans had been a traditional stumbling block to Notre Dame's national championship aspirations. Parseghian's first team in 1964 had only to beat a mediocre Southern Cal team in the final week of the

Steve Walsh



Final 1988-89 College Football Rankings

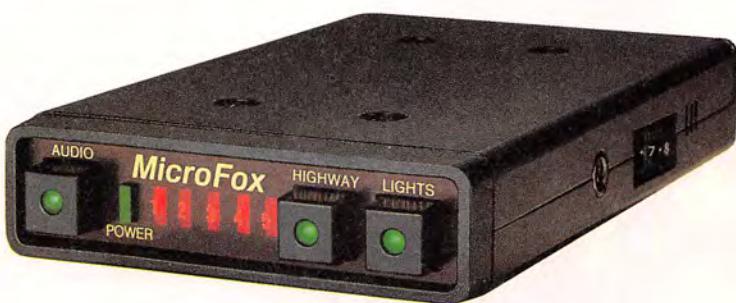
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5.	West Virginia	11-1-0	917	5.	West Virginia	11-1-0	444
6.	UCLA	10-2-0	864	6.	UCLA	10-2-0	363
7.	Southern Cal	10-2-0	803	7.	Auburn	10-2-0	341
8.	Auburn	10-2-0	801	8.	Clemson	10-2-0	327
9.	Clemson	10-2-0	708	9.	Southern Cal	10-2-0	293
10.	Nebraska	11-2-0	704	10.	Nebraska	11-2-0	239
11.	Oklahoma State	10-2-0	671	11.	Oklahoma State	10-2-0	205
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13.	Syracuse	10-2-0	469	13.	Arkansas	9-3-0	88
14.	Oklahoma	9-3-0	438	14.	Oklahoma	9-3-0	73
15.	Georgia	9-3-0	333	15.	Georgia	9-3-0	46
16.	Wash. State	9-3-0	330	16.	Wash. State	9-3-0	11
17.	Alabama	9-3-0	213	17.	Alabama	8-3-1	11
18.	Houston	9-3-0	147	18.	N. Carolina State	8-3-1	8
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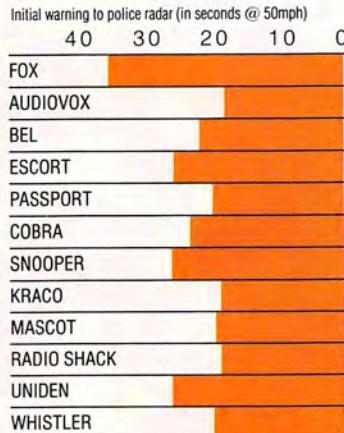
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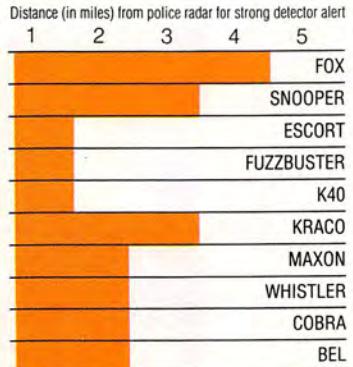
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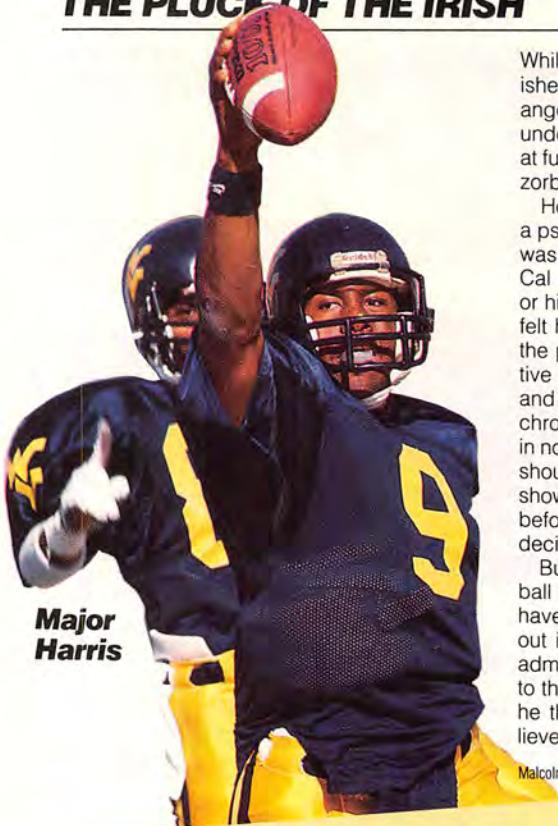
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While coaching at Arkansas, Holtz had banished three of his best players from the Orange Bowl for violating team rules. A heavy underdog to Oklahoma even if they had been at full strength, the supposedly weakened Razorbacks demolished the Sooners, 31–6.

Holtz vehemently denied he was looking for a psychological edge against the Trojans. He was not overjoyed at having to face Southern Cal without his leading rusher, Tony Brooks, or his leading receiver, Ricky Watters. But he felt he had no choice. Only two days earlier the pair had arrived 20 minutes late at a festive Thanksgiving Day dinner for the players and coaching staff on campus. Noting their chronic tardiness, Holtz had chewed them out in no uncertain terms and forecast dire results should the offense be repeated. When both showed up late for the team meeting the night before the game, there was really no other decision he could make.

But Notre Dame was a very confident football team by then. Any uncertainty there may have been back in August had been boiled out in the crucible of a tough season. Holtz admits he had his doubts about Rice's ability to throw the ball. "But I must say I don't think he threw as bad as people were led to believe. He always threw better in practice. It

Malcolm W. Emmons

was just a question of relaxing and throwing in the game. If you look at what he did over the last 10 games, he was very productive."

Against Southern Cal Rice's passing hardly mattered after he ran 65 yards to give the Irish a lead they never lost. It wasn't even a close game. "I thought we would win," said Holtz. "We were a pretty complete team. Frankly, they were a much stronger defensive team than I thought they'd be. I thought we'd move the ball better on offense. But defense is what you have to take with you, and we got some breaks and turnovers and got on top of them. They made some mistakes and we didn't make many that day." After that 27–10 victory, there was no question who was No. 1.

WEST VIRGINIA VS. NOTRE DAME

Only the Fiesta Bowl against unbeaten West Virginia stood between Notre Dame and its eighth national championship. Holtz respected the Mountaineers. "I felt West Virginia was awfully good," he said. "They were definitely one of the five best teams in the country. Major Harris is such a disruptive force to any defense. But we had come so far and now we were so close. Our players were very serious, yet they kept their priorities in order." Notre Dame jumped on the Mountaineers at the outset. "We had three scores before they got a first down," noted Holtz. From there it was just a matter of waiting for the final whistle.

Now comes the hard part—trying to do it again. On paper it appears the Irish have a chance. They have most of the key performers coming back. But, said Holtz, "We had our first team meeting after the Fiesta Bowl in mid-January. When we started to talk about next year, I excused the graduating seniors, and some awfully good players got up and left."

Some awfully good ones stayed, too. "We have got a lot of playing talent," said Bolcar, who will be back at linebacker as a fifth-year

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FIESTA Notre Dame 34 / West Virginia 21

Leroy Hoard



Robert Hagedorn

season to go undefeated. The Trojans came back in the second half to score a 20–17 victory. Parseghian took another unbeaten team into the Coliseum in 1970 and came out a 38–28 loser. Devine's final Notre Dame team in 1980 had only a tie to blemish its record until closing the season with a 20–3 whipping in Los Angeles. Even as far back as the Leahy era, the Trojans were a hair shirt for the Irish. Leahy's 1948 team was riding a 21-game winning streak when it went to the west coast and was lucky to escape with a 14–14 tie. Notre Dame finished second to Michigan for the national title that year.

Even though Notre Dame was ranked No. 1 and USC No. 2 when they met in the Coliseum November 26, most of the experts were picking the Trojans to win. They had just come off an impressive victory over crosstown rival UCLA. Southern Cal quarterback Rodney Peete was considered far superior to Rice. Peete was a Heisman Trophy candidate, Rice was not. Then, on the eve of the battle, Holtz did something that was as unexpected as it was characteristic. He sent two of his star players home for missing a team meeting.

Some people assumed that like Captain Queeg in his strawberry search, Holtz was trying to repeat a triumph from out of his past.

senior. "But look at what's happened already. We've got people injured. We've got people not coming back."

Late on the night of February 25, linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, a Butkus Award finalist last season, ran his car into a tree while driving home from a party. It was later discovered he had been drinking. Stonebreaker, who had missed the 1987 season because of academic ineligibility, sat out spring practice with a broken kneecap and dislocated hip. Three nights after his star linebacker landed in the hospital, Holtz was jolted by the news that Brooks had been arrested for a hit-and-run incident. His only returning tailback later left school and presumably would not be around to help Notre Dame defend its championship.

"The national championship season is over," said Bolcar. "When next year begins, everybody is 0-0. Yes, having won it once helps. It gives you a sense of confidence. You know what it took to get there. You know when you have to crank it up a bit extra. Hopefully we'll find the mix again."

"There's pressure to repeat," admitted Holtz, "but there was pressure to win it the first time. We're not going to try to repeat. We just want to be as good as we can be. It would be a tremendous mistake to set out to win the national championship again. You don't win the national championship; you wake up one day and you are the champion."

BOWL RECAP

Miami finished second in the final polls, the 31-30 loss to Notre Dame on October 15 the only blemish on its record. It was a failed two-point conversion in that game that cost the Hurricanes a chance for a second consecutive national championship. Quarterback Steve Walsh had rallied his team, pulling it to within one point on a touchdown pass with 45 seconds remaining. Coach Jimmy Johnson, disdaining the kick that would have tied the score, went for the victory. But safety Pat Terrell, who earlier in the game had returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown, batted away Walsh's pass in the end zone. The Hurricanes later demolished Big Eight champ Nebraska, 23-3, in the Orange Bowl, limiting the nation's best rushing offense (382 yards per game) to just 80 yards.

Florida State, Street & Smith's preseason No. 1, stumbled badly in its opener, losing 31-0 to state rival Miami. The Seminoles, however, didn't lose again and capped the year with a 13-7 triumph over Southeastern Conference representative Auburn in the Sugar Bowl. Sammie Smith ran for 115 yards as FSU finished at No. 3 in the polls.

Michigan, with defeats in its first two games (by two points to Notre Dame and one point to Miami), went unbeaten in the Big Ten and overcame Pac-10 champion Southern Cal, 22-14, in the Rose Bowl. Soph Leroy Hoard

rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

West Virginia, which took a perfect record and No. 2 ranking into the Fiesta Bowl, dropped to fifth place in the polls after its 34-21 setback to the Irish.

UCLA won its seventh straight bowl game, 17-3 over Arkansas of the Southwest Conference in the Cotton Bowl, thanks to quarterback Troy Aikman and a defense that held the Razorbacks to a mere 42 total yards.

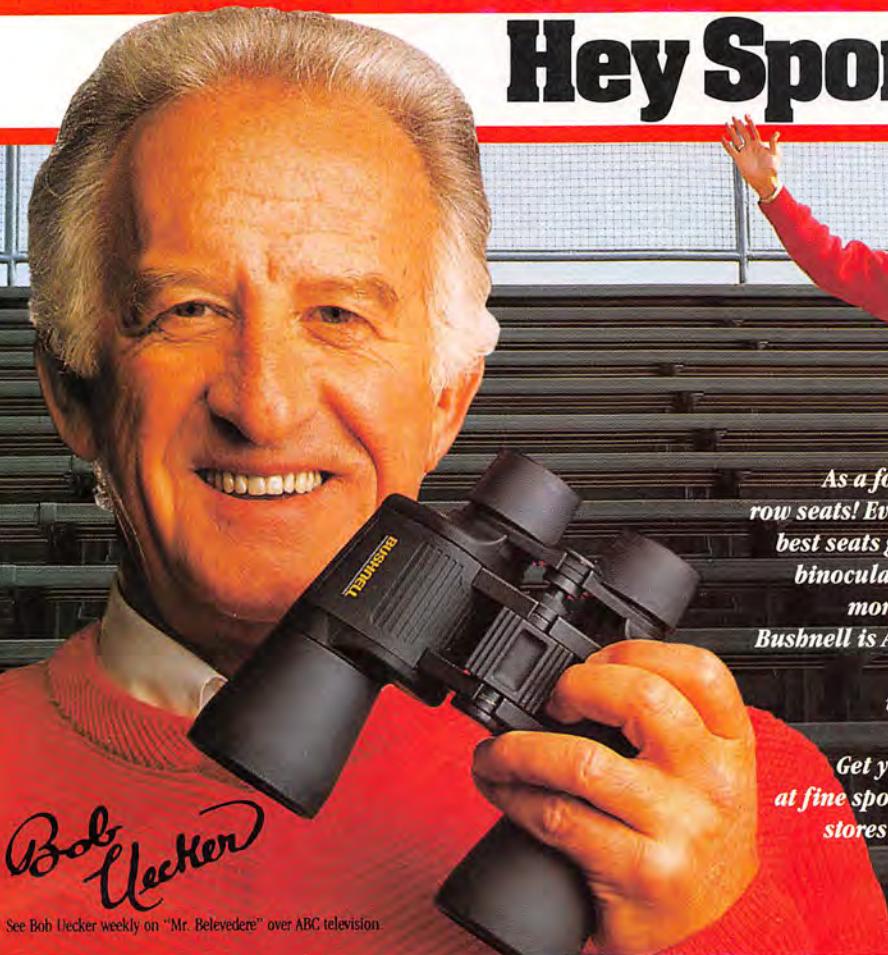
Clemson rallied to beat Oklahoma, 13-6, in the Citrus Bowl, the first time in 17 tries that an Atlantic Coast Conference member had defeated the Sooners. And Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders ran for 227 yards and five touchdowns in Oklahoma State's 62-14 victory over Wyoming in the Holiday Bowl.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Auburn had the nation's best defense, limiting opponents to an average of seven points, 63 rushing yards, and 218 total yards per game. Tracy Rocker, a 6-2, 280-pound tackle and the leader of the unit, won the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award as the top lineman in the land. He was the first player since Dean Steinkuhler of Nebraska in 1983 to win both.

Derrick Thomas of Alabama won the Butkus Award as college football's best linebacker, and Deion Sanders of Florida State took home the Jim Thorpe Award as the game's premier defensive back. □

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Yes, Virginia, there is a sanity clause. That for the benefit of the Cavaliers who might want to reconsider their contract to play Notre Dame in the Kickoff Classic. The 1989 college football season gets underway on the night of August 31 in Giants Stadium (East Rutherford, New Jersey). Some might consider it foolhardy to schedule an opening game against Notre Dame, the defending national champion.

Virginia coach George Welsh has done a remarkable job in Charlottesville, for the Cavaliers had enjoyed a winning record only twice in the 31 years prior to his arrival in 1982. And if Welsh can break a 28-game losing streak to league rival Clemson, Virginia could win the Atlantic Coast Conference. But the Fighting Irish return 16 starters from an undefeated team, including quarterback Tony Rice and defenders Chris Zorich and Mike Stonebreaker, and will play the Classic before a supportive audience (what with their New York area alumni—the genuine and subway varieties) in a familiar arena.

That game should be a tune-up for a real, albeit early, championship showdown. On September 16, Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor to play Michigan, which has received Street & Smith's preseason No. 1 ranking. The Wolverines have a score to settle, having lost a two-point decision to the Irish in their opener

last fall when a game-ending 49-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide. Their only other loss was by a point to national runner-up Miami the following week.

Back up a bit. Top-rated Michigan! Before 1988, the Pac-10 conference had beaten the Big Ten in 12 of the 13 previous Rose Bowls. Because of that, Street & Smith's tended to rank the premier west coast team ahead of the best from the midwest. But in 1988, Michigan State defeated Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl; then, last January, the Wolverines made it two in a row for the Big Ten with a 22-14 victory over Southern Cal.

Bo Schlembechler, the coach and athletic director, would love to add a national football title to the one the Wolverines won in basketball in April. His team is loaded, with a powerful offensive line, All-America Tony Boles and three other top runners, and nine returning starters from the defense that led the league.

In addition to its game at Michigan, Notre Dame has a road date with Miami. Before he left to take over the Dallas Cowboys, coach Jimmy Johnson had one request of his former players: "Beat Notre Dame!" The Hurricanes' only loss in the past two years came last October 15 in South Bend, 31-30. In a thrilling game, Miami battled from behind and came within a failed two-point conversion pass of a probable second consecutive national title. The Hurricanes beat five top 20 teams a year ago (Florida State, Michigan, LSU, Arkansas, and Nebraska). Dennis Erickson, who led Washington State to prominence, takes over a talented squad. But he will be without quarterback Steve Walsh, who passed up his senior year for the NFL's supplemental draft.

Florida State started last season ranked No. 1 in the polls, lost its opener to Miami, then won 11 in a row (including the Sugar Bowl over Auburn) to finish No. 3. The Seminoles have won 22 of their 24 games in the past two seasons, with both losses to the Hurricanes. The two independent powers meet again on October 28 in Tallahassee.

The Big Eight championship may be decided, as usual, when the perennial powers, Nebraska and Oklahoma, meet (November 18 in Lincoln). But for the first time since this year's freshmen took up finger painting (i.e., kinder-

garten—except for Iowa players), the conference race should be wide open and could involve as many as five schools. The Cornhuskers, last year's winners, have the Big Eight's best rusher in Ken Clark, who will position himself behind a typically huge line. Oklahoma, without an experienced quarterback, is beginning a three-year NCAA probation. Oklahoma State lost Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders and Hart Lee Dykes, but it does retain quarterback Mike Gundy, on target to break the conference total-offense and passing records. Colorado, perhaps a year away, has had to overcome academic, disciplinary, and personal grief.

The Southeastern Conference placed four teams (Auburn, Georgia, Alabama, and LSU) in the AP top 20 final poll. But the league has lost some quality football personnel. Vince Dooley stepped down after 24 years as the coach at Georgia. Running backs Tim Worley and Bobby Humphrey passed up a final year of eligibility at Georgia and Alabama, respectively, for a shot at pro ball. Linebackers Tracy Rocker of Auburn and Derrick Thomas of Alabama ended their careers on schedule. Rocker was one of eight starters the Tigers lost from the nation's best defense. LSU returns quarterback Tom Hodson, who engineered last-minute victories against Alabama and Auburn in '88. If the Tigers can rebuild their defense, Hodson could put them on top.

Major Harris took West Virginia through an unbeaten regular season and a Fiesta Bowl showdown for the national championship against Notre Dame. The Mountaineers wound up No. 5 in the final polls and Harris fifth in the Heisman balloting. Penn State has a Heisman candidate healthy again in Blair Thomas. The Nittany Lions will perhaps go as far as their talented tailback can take them. Syracuse, with the third-best two-year record (21-2-1) in the country, defeated LSU in the Sugar Bowl and figures to compete for Eastern supremacy.

In the Southwest, it is Houston's turn to endure a ban on bowl appearances as a result of NCAA sanctions for recruiting violations. Similar misfortunes have befallen SWC members Texas A&M, Texas Christian, and Southern Methodist in the past. Arkansas went undefeated until the final weekend in November, then lost to Miami and later to UCLA in the Cotton Bowl.

That bowl victory was the seventh straight for the Bruins, who will face the new season without quarterback Troy Aikman, the top pick in the NFL draft. Likewise Southern Cal will have to find a replacement for its quarterback, Rodney Peete, the runner-up to Sanders for the Heisman.

Top 20
1. MICHIGAN
2. NOTRE DAME
3. MIAMI
4. SOUTHERN CAL
5. FLORIDA STATE
6. UCLA
7. NEBRASKA
8. LOUISIANA STATE
9. PENN STATE
10. AUBURN
11. HOUSTON
12. CLEMSON
13. OKLAHOMA
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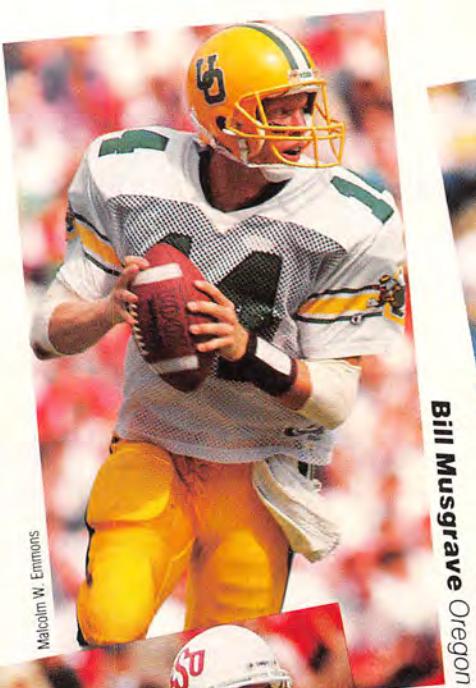
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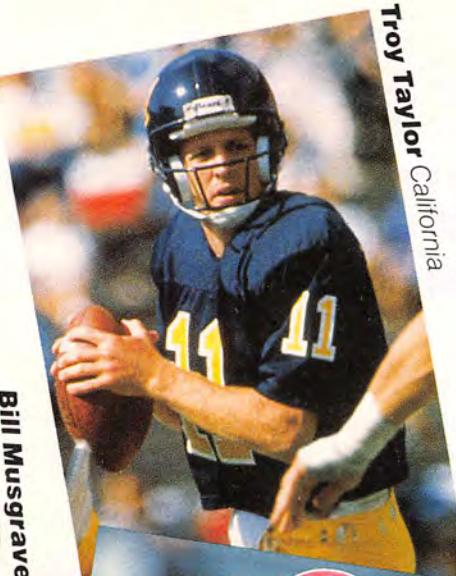
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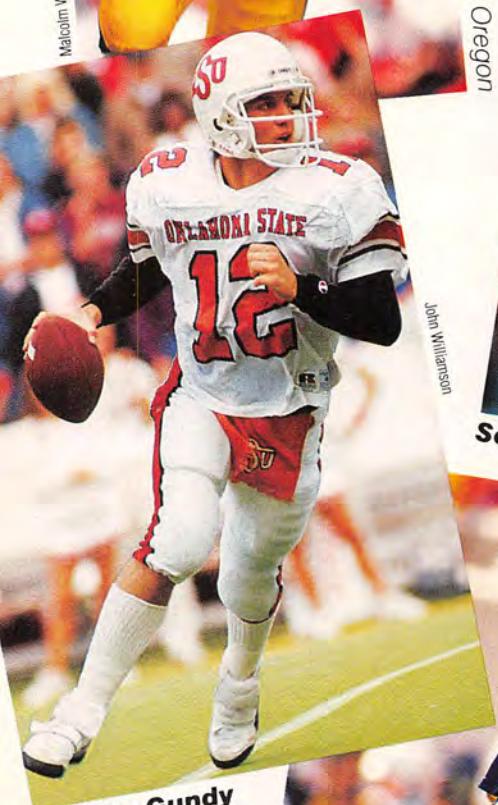


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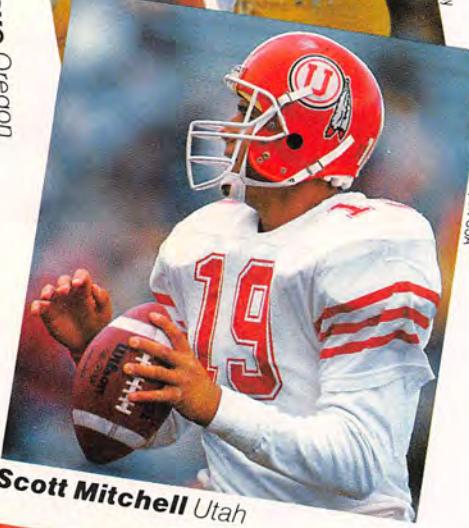


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What ever became of that venerable idea of staying in college to win one for the Gipper? Of fulfilling a commitment to the university? And what ever happened to the dream of winning the Heisman Trophy? For some, those notions have become as impractical as a leather helmet.

The Downtown Athletic Club's prestigious trophy hasn't lost any glitter. It is still the Academy Award of college football. But this season the list of Heisman candidates is notable more for the players who are missing than it is for those who are still on it. Six players who would have been at the head of this year's class decided to renounce their amateur status and collect their money now from the National Football League.

Oklahoma State junior tailback Barry Sanders, last year's Heisman recipient, knew his school was headed for NCAA sanctions this fall. So he hired an agent and declared that he was turning professional, a direct challenge to NFL rules that have forbidden the drafting of underclassmen. Fearing a lawsuit it couldn't win, the NFL acquiesced and pronounced him a special case because of OSU's probation. Sanders became the third player chosen, taken by the Detroit Lions in the first round in April, thus securing Ohio State's Archie Griffin his unique place in history as the only two-time Heisman winner.

Running backs Tim Worley of Georgia and Sammie Smith of Florida State also elected to skip their senior year in school. Worley was chosen by the Pittsburgh Steelers with the seventh selection in the NFL draft and Smith was taken two picks later by the Miami Dolphins. Quarterbacks Steve Walsh of Miami and Tim Rosenbach of Washington State and Alabama tailback Bobby Humphrey, three other would-be Heisman candidates, chose to make themselves available for a supplemental NFL draft this summer.

Each of those six players could have been a contender for the Heisman had he decided to stick around and give it the old college try. If they all had remained in school, this fall might have seen one of the more competitive races ever. Instead, most of this season's top players are also candidates for an American Express commercial—Do you know me? And the answer is a resounding NO! Sanders, Rodney Peete of Southern Cal, Troy Aikman of UCLA, and Walsh, the first four finishers in last year's election, have moved on to pro ball. Only two players from the top 10 return: quarterback Major Harris of West Virginia and running back Anthony Thompson of Indiana.

But someone will have to win the Heisman in 1989, and many think the almighty television networks will play a bigger role than ever. In any year, TV appearances weigh heavily in an individual's chances. This season, though, early exposure may be even more critical to a group of relatively unknown players.

"I'm really not sure what constitutes a Heisman candidate," former Dallas Cowboys' personnel director Gil Brandt said. "It seems like it's whoever's on television the most and does well early."

ESPN college football analyst Beano Cook agrees. "I've often said that if you have a great September on TV, it's like winning the New Hampshire primary. It doesn't mean you'll get the bid, but it sure gives you a great sendoff."

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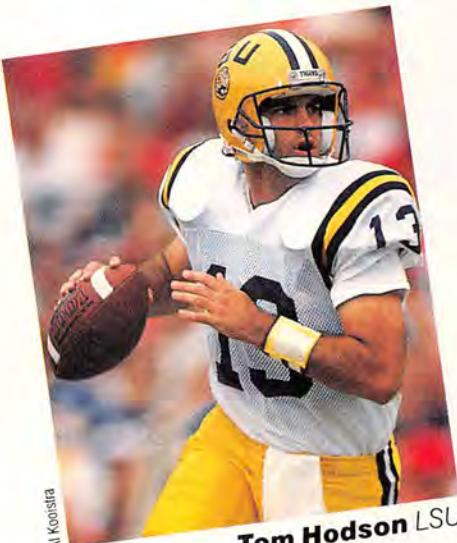
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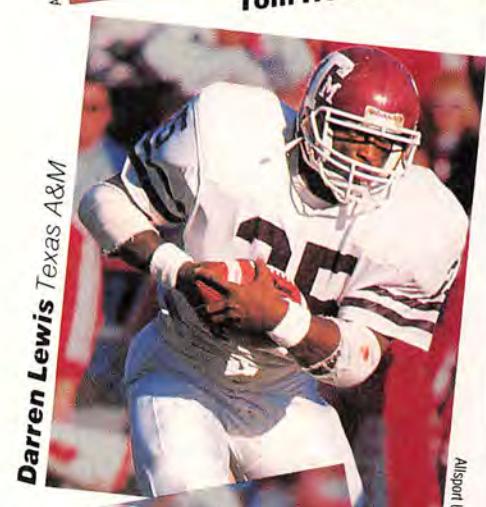
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This Heisman competition looks more wide-open than any presidential race in memory, and there isn't even a George Bush in the pack. "Your chances of picking the Heisman winner right now," said Cook, "are only a little better than picking the Democratic presidential nominee for 1992. But not by much." Keep in mind the award honors the outstanding player of the year, with the 1989 kickoff still weeks away.

The list of candidates is varied. In addition to Harris and Thompson, it includes those individuals who had big efforts a year ago, such as Texas A&M's Darren Lewis and Nebraska's Ken Clark. Penn State's Blair Thomas, who was injured all of last season, had his best numbers in 1987. Then there is Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice, whose greatest asset is his ability to lead his team. In 1988, Rice took the Irish to the national championship.

A closer look at the candidates.

Blair Thomas, Penn State

Thomas, a 5-11, 190-pound senior tailback, was considered the Nittany Lions' best Heisman prospect in years. That after a 1987 season in which he rushed for 1,414 yards, the third-highest total in school history (behind Lydell Mitchell and John Cappelletti). Thomas drew national attention when he carried the ball 35 times for 214 yards to lead Penn State to a 21-20 victory over Notre Dame. But then he suffered torn ligaments in his right knee during a workout for that year's Citrus Bowl and sat out all of the 1988 season following reconstructive surgery.

Thomas participated in Penn State's spring workouts, but coach Joe Paterno held him out of contact drills and the Blue/White intrasquad game. More as a precautionary measure, for Thomas was timed in 4.4 for the 40. If he is recovered—"As far as I'm concerned, the injury is old news. I'm ready to go," he admitted—stays healthy, and repeats the performance from his junior season, Thomas will advance quickly to the front of this year's Heisman class.

Scott Mitchell, Utah

The big (6-6, 235) junior led the nation in total offense, accounting for over 390 yards per game. He completed 61 percent of his passes for 4,322 yards and 29 TDs with 15 interceptions and broke numerous NCAA records in the process. Against Air Force, Mitchell threw for an astounding 631 yards.

Emmitt Smith, Florida

Smith (5-10, 205) was a freshman sensation in 1987 when he ran for 1,341 yards and 13 touchdowns—and collected 70 votes for the Heisman. A knee injury sidelined him for two games last fall and limited him to 988 yards. Smith, who is expected to return to form, has rushed for 100 or more yards in 15 of his 19 college starts. He already owns 22 school records, 17 of them single-season marks. The No. 4 rusher in Gator history, Smith needs just 906 yards to overtake Neal Anderson (now with the Chicago Bears) for the top spot.

Troy Taylor, California

Consider how competitive the Pac-10 was in 1988. Aikman, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, did not make first- or second-team all-confer-

ence, losing out to Peete and Rosenbach. He did earn honorable mention, as did Taylor. But the three professionals had more talented supporting casts, as UCLA, Southern Cal, and Washington State all went to bowl games. Taylor (6-4, 190) completed over 61 percent of his passes for 2,416 yards and 16 TDs for the 5-5-1 Bears. And he did a lot of his throwing on the run, trying to avoid a rush that sacked him 40 times. Despite that pressure, though, Taylor threw just four interceptions in his final six games a year ago. His coach, Bruce Snyder, said Taylor "has a chance to be the best in the country. He has the physical ability and he is so hungry to get better."

Bill Musgrave, Oregon

The Pac-10 returns another standout quarterback—and an academic All-America—in Musgrave, who missed part of last season with a broken collarbone. While he was in the starting lineup, the Ducks were 5-0, with victories over Washington State, Washington, and Stanford. Just a junior, Musgrave (6-3, 192) was the top-rated freshman quarterback in the country in 1987. In less than two years he has thrown for over 2,600 yards and 21 TDs with only 12 interceptions.

Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State

Second in the nation to Rosenbach in passing efficiency a year ago, Gundy completed over 65 percent of his throws for 2,238 yards and 19 TDs. He did have two outstanding offensive teammates in Barry Sanders and receiver Hart Lee Dykes, the first-round draft choice of the New England Patriots. But at the start of last season, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne had called Gundy the "most impressive" opponent the Cornhuskers had faced. Gundy (6-0, 185), a senior, needs just 617 passing yards and 877 yards in total offense to become the Big Eight's all-time leader.

Tony Rice, Notre Dame

His statistics haven't been among the nation's best, but Rice did lead his team to the national championship, and being from Notre Dame gives any excellent player a head start on the rest of the field. The Irish have produced more Heisman Trophy recipients (7) than any other school. Rice (6-1, 198) is dangerous running or throwing. Last season he hit 70 of 138 passes for 1,175 yards and eight touchdowns. He also rushed 121 times for 700 yards and nine more TDs. But the most impressive stat is the won-lost figure. With him as a starter, Notre Dame is 16-2.

Major Harris, West Virginia

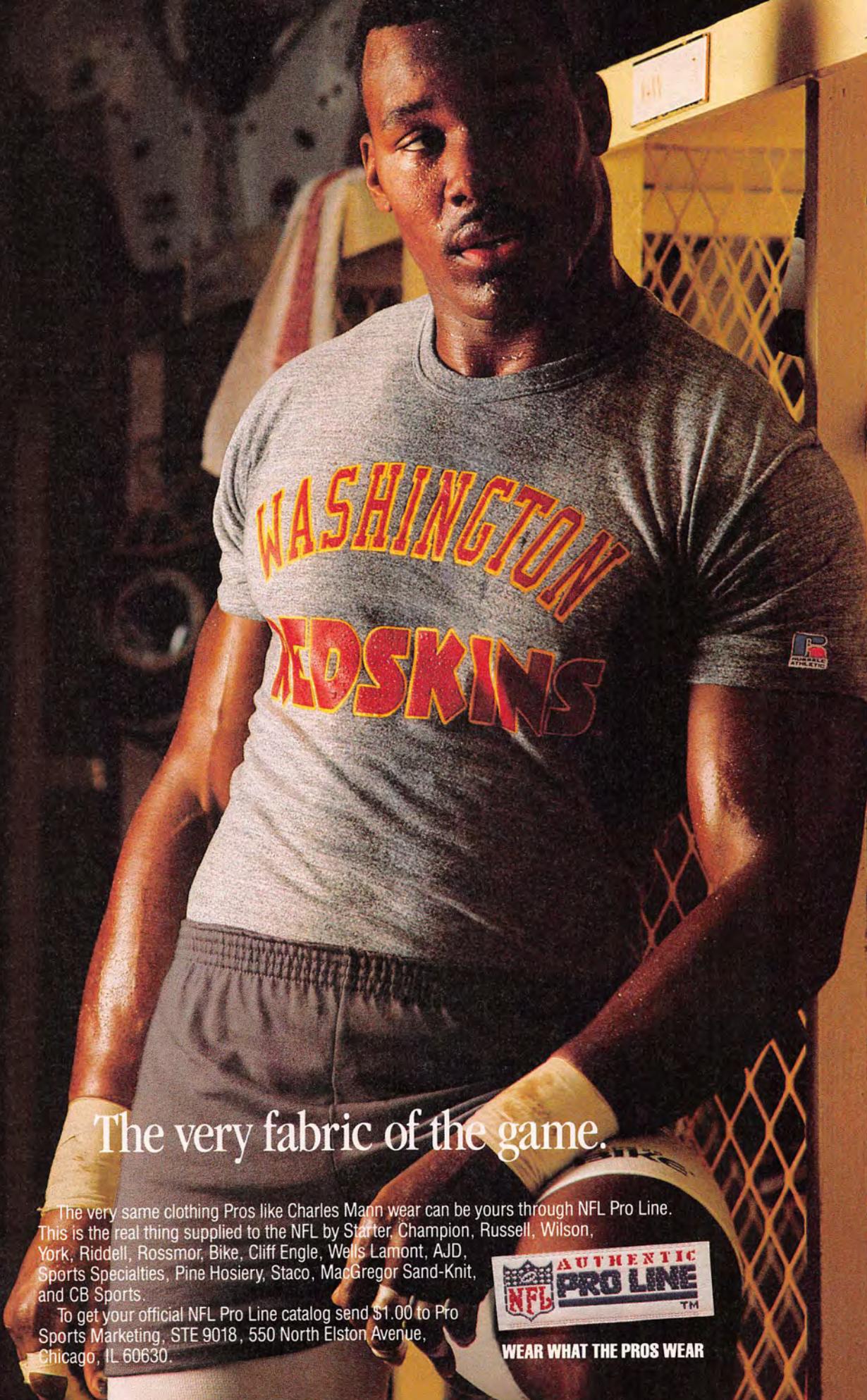
Harris is another quarterback who doesn't have overwhelming passing numbers, but only because his team doesn't throw that often. His 167.4 pass-efficiency rating would have led the nation, but his 186 attempts weren't enough to qualify him. Harris (6-1, 207) still threw for 1,915 yards and 14 TDs with just eight interceptions in his sophomore season. In the Mountaineers' balanced offense, he rushed 134 times for 610 yards. The 2,525 total yards set a school record and helped lead West Virginia to an unbeaten regular season and a Fiesta Bowl showdown with Notre Dame. Harris finished fifth in last year's Heisman balloting.

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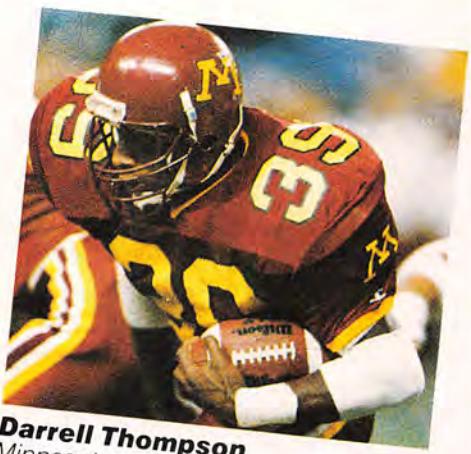
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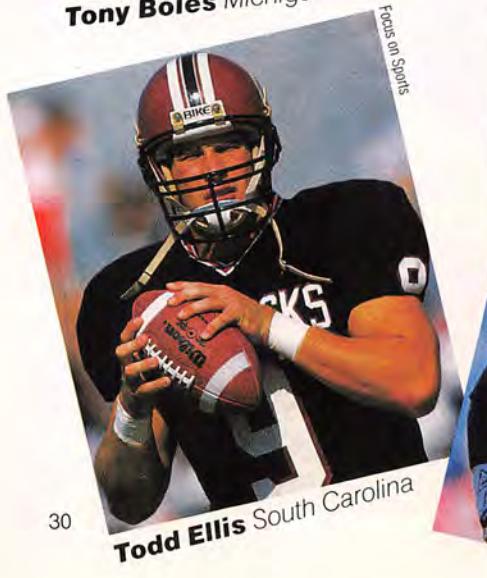
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Darrell Thompson
Minnesota



Tony Boles Michigan



Todd Ellis South Carolina

Tom Hodson, LSU

Hodson is his school's career passing leader, but like Rice he is mainly considered a winner. His 27-6-1 record as a starter is testimony to that. Hodson's stats aren't bad, however. The 6-3, 195-pounder has thrown for over 2,000 yards in each of his first three seasons, although 1988 was his least productive. Still, with 6,460 yards and 47 TDs, Hodson is closing in on the Southeastern Conference records held by Kerwin Bell. His best opportunity to get a fast start in the Heisman race could come on September 2 against Texas A&M on national TV.

Anthony Thompson, Indiana

"For the first time in my head-coaching career, I feel I've got a candidate for the Heisman Trophy," said Indiana's Bill Mallory. He isn't the only one who feels that way. Iowa coach Hayden Fry called Thompson "by far the best running back I've seen in years."

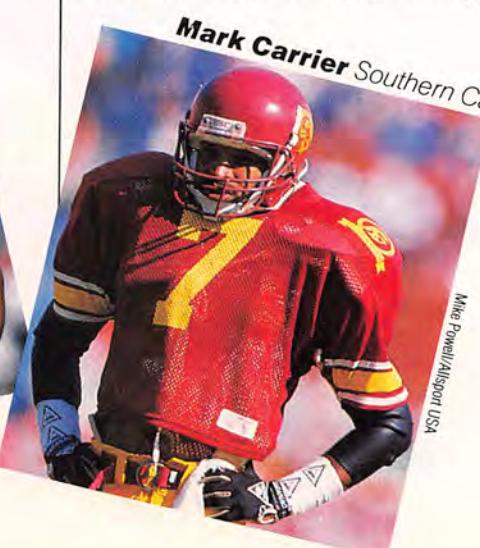
Thompson (6-0, 205) tied a Big Ten record with 26 TDs last season, leading the Hoosiers to the Liberty Bowl and an 8-3-1 mark. He was second in the country in scoring and third in rushing, with 1,686 yards. He is seventh in league history in rushing (3,506 yards) and fourth in touchdowns (43). The Big Ten Player of the Year in '88, Thompson already owns virtually every school rushing record. In the 20 games he has run for at least 100 yards, the Hoosiers are 15-4-1. Mallory says Thompson is also a model citizen. "I look at the Heisman winner as a total person," he explained. "That's the kind of person Anthony is. He's humble, unselfish, easy to coach. He's just the kind of guy you want to see win the Heisman."

Darren Lewis, Texas A&M

Can two consecutive junior running backs emerge from nowhere to win the Heisman? Sanders was a virtual unknown last year after playing the previous two seasons in the shadow of Thurman Thomas. Lewis, too, is largely anonymous, even though he was second to Sanders in rushing, with 1,692 yards. "In the Southwest Conference," said Beano Cook, "nobody gets on TV except on the six o'clock highlights, so nobody knows who Lewis is."

The Aggies know. Still, Lewis (5-10, 205) had an identity crisis playing for the probation-ridden team. New coach R.C. Slocum, a long-time A&M assistant, thinks the time is now for Lewis. "He earned the right to be one of the guys you have to look at for the Heisman," Slocum said. "I know right now that not many people have heard of him, but he'll have some chances to get some attention early [TV

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Mark Carrier Southern Cal



games against LSU and Washington]. I think that's what happened to Sanders. He got some attention early, and people started looking for his stats every week. He was consistent after that and he deserved to win the Heisman. He and Darren are a lot alike. They both have the same speed and can break games open." In fact, Lewis actually outgained Sanders in head-to-head competition last year, 168 yards to 157. But that was in a 52-15 Oklahoma State rout of A&M in which Sanders didn't play as much as Lewis.

Ken Clark, Nebraska

Fifth in the nation in rushing, with 1,497 yards in 1988, Clark was another unknown before last year. He didn't play as a freshman and had only 344 yards rushing with five touchdowns as a sophomore. Entering last season, he was not even assured of being a starter. But his 6.5 yards-per-carry average was dazzling. Against Oklahoma State, he ran for 256 yards, the second-best single-game mark in school history, behind only the 285 of former Heisman winner Mike Rozier. Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones called Clark "tougher than [Nebraska's] other great tailbacks."

Tony Boles, Michigan

He won the Big Ten rushing title as a sophomore last season with a 5.9-yard average and was No. 4 in the country, with 1,408 yards and nine touchdowns. An all-purpose threat, Boles (6-1, 190) averaged over 172 yards per game for the Wolverines. He and running mate Leroy Hoard, the Rose Bowl MVP, are two reasons Michigan merits the top ranking in Street & Smith's preseason poll.

Darrell Thompson, Minnesota

He's the other running back named Thompson in the Big Ten, and many observers think he will be a first-round draft choice next spring. Thompson (6-1, 220) holds the Gophers' record for career rushing (3,379 yards). He had 1,240 yards and eight touchdowns as a freshman and 1,229 yards and 13 TDs the following season. Last year he fell short of the 1,000-yard mark (910) after missing the final game with a sore knee. Thompson has 30 career touchdowns and long runs of 98, 60, and 54 yards.

Todd Ellis, South Carolina

His school's career leader in passing yards (8,579) and touchdowns (39), Ellis (6-3, 203) had just 2,353 yards and nine TDs in '88, though he did take the Gamecocks to the Liberty Bowl. If he cuts down on his interceptions while putting up the big numbers again this season, he could threaten the all-time NCAA mark of 11,425 yards set by Todd Santos of San Diego State.

Mark Carrier, Southern Cal

A defensive back winning the Heisman? The award does recognize the most outstanding player, and Carrier (6-1, 180), a junior, certainly must be included in any such discussion. "He's the rock of our secondary," said USC coach Larry Smith. "He's intelligent, has great range, and is a tremendous hitter. He's deserving of every national honor coming his way. I don't think you'll find a better safety around, unless it's [teammate Cleveland] Colter." Carrier and Colter will also earn consideration for the Jim Thorpe Award.

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MITCH DONAHUE, Wyoming
TONY EPPS, Memphis State
SCOTT EVANS, Oklahoma
MO GARDNER, Illinois
BILL GOLDBERG, Georgia
ODELL HAGGINS, Florida State
JIMMIE JONES, Miami
RUSSELL MARYLAND, Miami
SCOTT MILLER, Rutgers
DAVID ROCKER, Auburn
TIM RYAN, Southern Cal
RENALDO TURNBULL, West Virginia
TERRY WOODEN, Syracuse
WILLIE WYATT, Alabama
CHRIS ZORICH, Notre Dame

LINEBACKERS

DAVID BROWNLOW, Illinois
ANDRE COLLINS, Penn State
BOB DAVIS, Brigham Young
RON DELISI, Northern Illinois
JAMES FRANCIS, Baylor
CHRIS HAERING, West Virginia
ROB HINCKLEY, Stanford
RANDY HOLLERAN, Kentucky
LAMAR LATHON, Houston
KEITH McCANTS, Alabama
DAVID ORTEGA, California
BRAD QUAST, Iowa
QUINTIN RIGGINS, Auburn
SCOTT ROSS, Southern Cal
PERCY SNOW, Michigan State
LORANZO SQUARE, Temple
MIKE STONEBREAKER, Notre Dame
AARON WALLACE, Texas A&M
JAMES WILLIAMS, Mississippi State

DEFENSIVE BACKS

ROBERT BLACKMON, Baylor
MARK CARRIER, Southern Cal
BRIAN CHIZMAR, Penn State
CLEVELAND COLTER, Southern Cal
ALONZO HAMPTON, Pittsburgh
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Street & Smith's 1989 High School All-America Team

Success is the common thread that weaves through the eighth annual 50-player Street & Smith's *College Football* High School All-America Team. Seventeen of the honorees were key cogs last season as their teams either captured state championships and/or ended with unbeaten records. Ten others were main ingredients on teams which lost but once in 1988.

Pulling the trigger for this 50-player unit are five prolific quarterbacks who are no strangers to team or individual successes: Steve Clements of Huntsville, TX; Cale Gundy of Midwest City, OK; Joe Pickens of St. Ignatius in Cleveland, OH; Mike Thomas of Richmond High in Rockingham, NC; and Chris Weinke of Cretin-Derham Hall High in St. Paul, MN. Gundy, Pickens, and Thomas guided their teams to state large-class titles while Weinke's team bowed by one point in the state finals. Huntsville, coached by Clements' father, finished with a 10-1 mark.

Gundy set an Oklahoma season record of 2,755 passing yards and marched the Bombers 59 yards in the final 1:19 to pull out a 31-27 Class 5A championship over Lawton Eisenhower. Gundy's brother, Mike, the Oklahoma State quarterback, had led his Midwest City team to the 1986 state crown. Pickens, also a baseball stalwart, earned second-unit all-Ohio honors last fall when he led St. Ignatius to a 14-0 record and the school's first state title. Thomas missed the first three games last season with a broken wrist but rebounded to pass for 1,500 yards and rush for 600 in a 15-0 record season. He was named all-state punter with a 42-yard average. Weinke, from the same school as former University of Miami quarterback Steve Walsh, is considered a college prospect in football, hockey, and baseball.

by DOUG HUFF
WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

high school report

Last fall, he passed for 2,377 yards and 12 touchdowns. Clements, a four-sport performer, enters his final season with 4,492 passing yards and 39 TDs, including 2,464 yards and 23 TDs last season.

The eight honored running backs and three utility backs sport some eye-opening statistics and credentials as well.

Robert Smith of Euclid, OH, was selected Mr. Football by one wire service in talent-rich Ohio last season. He rushed for 1,564 yards in 177 carries and scored 23 TDs. He also averaged 31 yards on 10 punt returns, ran three back for TDs, plus had three other scores nullified by penalties. Smith is also a top track sprinter and long jumper.

In Akron, OH, Buchtel has won the last two Divisions II state crowns with Ricky Powers scoring 46 TDs and rushing for 3,341 yards. Last fall, an Akron newspaper cited him as the area's Player of the Year—only the third junior ever cited. The others were Ohio State grididers Chris Spielman and Jeff Logan.

Rodrick Walker of Irving, TX, Nimitz led the state in scoring with 202 points and 31 TDs last season while rushing for 2,121 yards. He also returned three kickoffs for TDs. In track, he was timed in 10.4 and 21.5 for the 100- and 200-meter sprints.

The top returning backs in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Nebraska, and Louisiana also are cited. Sebastian Small of Fayetteville, NC, Smith led his state with 2,100 rushing yards and 27 TDs as a junior. Jeff Burris of Rock Hill, SC, Northwestern was a rare underclass all-South selection last season while rushing for 1,730 yards and 25 TDs. Garrison Hearst will be starting his fourth year as a regular for Georgia's winningest small-school program, Lincoln County of Lincolnton. The three-sport athlete, who averages 40 yards a punt, has rushed for 2,609 yards the last two years. Calvin Jones, who was timed in 10.6 for 100 meters, led Nebraska Class A rushers last fall with 1,451 yards while rating all-state accolades. In Louisiana, the all-time state career rushing mark should fall this year to Germaine Williams of tiny Ascension Catholic High in Donaldsonville. The three-sport performer is within 300 yards of the mark with 5,781 yards and 58 TDs on 735 carries in 31 games the last three years. As a sophomore, he scored 31 TDs and gained 2,550 yards in 13 games.

If all of the above sounds impressive, consider the feats of a utility back, Brett Law of two-time Indiana Class A champion Sheridan Marion-Adams. He set three national records in a 14-0 season: 66 touchdowns, including 55 by rushing, and 453 points. He also rushed for 2,597 yards and 11.1 yards per carry and kicked 54 conversion points. He enters his final season with 98 TDs, including 77 rushing, and 655 points plus 4,550 rushing yards and 34 pass receptions for 866 yards.

The other two utility choices also sparked unbeaten squads last season. Millard Coleman, a three sporter with straight-A academics, led Harrison High of Framington Hills, MI, to a state Class B title by outscoring

13 opponents, 537–63. The two-time all-stater has passed for 5,496 yards and 60 TDs in two years while rushing for 876 yards. Deon Strother, a four-sport star at Oakland, CA, Skyline, not only led his team to a 10-0 football record but was a regular on the state runner-up basketball team. In football, he averaged 9.7 yards a carry and charted 16 quarterback sacks as a linebacker.

Here is summary of the remainder of the Top 50 honor roll:

RECEIVERS

Ryan Lenderman of Grand Junction, CO, has rewritten his state pass-receiving records and is now eyeing national marks in 1989. He caught 87 passes for 1,430 yards and 20 TDs in a 14-0 state Class 3A title year. With 187 career catches, he is fewer than 30 shy of the national standard. He returns kicks too. The baseball scouts are also looking at him as a center fielder. Another center fielder who grabs football passes and returns kicks is Andre Hastings of Morrow, GA, the 1987 state champion. Last fall, Hastings caught 51 aerials for 1,002 yards and nine TDs. He also ran back two kickoffs for scores. Jeremy Smith of La Puente, CA, Bishop Amat was selected California's Junior of the Year by a statewide publication after he caught 84 passes for 1,000 yards and nine TDs last fall for the Southern California Division I runner-up team.

Two bulky tight ends have college scouts excited. Kyle Brady, a 6-6, 245-pound three-sport star led Camp Hills, PA, Cedar Cliff into the first-ever statewide title game last season and caught 14 TD passes to earn first-team all-state plaudits. Hugo Jeremia (6-4, 245) is Florida's top blocking tight end at Port Orange Spruce Creek.

KICKER

Marty Simpson of Columbia, SC, Spring Valley, capped a near-perfect junior year by booting a 27-yard game-winning field goal in overtime to give his team a 3–0 Big 16 state championship win over Gaffney. He didn't miss in 29 conversion attempts and cashed 11 of 16 field goals, including a state-record-tying 57-yard. He only missed one kick inside 45 yards.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The top prospects from four states—Virginia, Alabama, New Jersey, and Missouri—are among seven cited defensive linemen. A fifth hails from Texas, and some talent scouts are sold on his rating as No. 1 in the Lone Star State. He's Aubrey Beavers (6-4, 225), an aggressive defender from a well-known football talent factory at Houston Yates. Beavers was one of the main reasons Yates extended its streak of winning 10 games to eight seasons.

Other defenders include two from unbeaten state champions: Reuben Brown (6-4, 265) of Lynchburg, VA, E.C. Glass and Mitch Davis (6-3, 235) of Prichard, AL, Vigor, which was accorded the mythical national championship by one poll. Brown, also a standout wrestler, was accorded first-team all-state honors for a 14-0 record team. Davis, a first-unit all-stater, was considered the top defender on the stingiest defensive unit in Alabama history. Vigor outscored five playoff foes, 148–7.

James Gregory (6-4, 300) of St. Louis, MO, Sumner is a four-year regular and charted 10 sacks last fall. William Davis (6-7, 270) of Camden, NJ, dominates a line of scrimmage with his 4.8-second 40-yard quickness.

Other down linemen among our elite 50 include Aaron Jackson (6-6, 270) of Pittsburgh, PA, Penn Hills; Brian Hamilton (6-4, 220) of Chicago, IL, St. Rita; and Troy (Tashe) Williams, a native of Trinidad who plays for Air Force Academy, CO. Jackson, who has played tight end, bench-presses over 385 pounds. He also has 4.85 speed in the 40-yard dash. Hamilton, a multi-sport performer, is rated one of the two top prospects in Illinois with unlimited potential. Williams, a tight end on offense, charted 75 tackles, nine sacks, eight quarterback pressures, and nine pass knockouts in 11 games.

Robert Smith, Euclid High School



OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The six honorees average 285 pounds on nearly a 6-foot-5 frame, including a pair of 300-pounders: New York's top prospect is Alcindor Coleman (6-4, 300) of Rochester Aquinas, who also led his basketball team in assists, and Florida all-stater Johnny Footman (6-4, 330) of Lakeland, who also wrestles and competes in track. Another Florida behemoth courted by numerous colleges is Brian Osborne (6-5, 285) of Plant City. Washington's top prospect could be Andrew Peterson (6-6, 275) of Port Orchard, South Kitsap, who has played outside linebacker despite his bulk. Georgia's top line returnee is Steven Roberts (6-4, 265) of Dalton, while California underclass all-stater Aaron Taylor (6-5, 260) is back for Concord, De La Salle, which has won its last 45 regular-season games and went 13-0 last fall.

LINEBACKERS

Six of the nine honorees are rated the No. 1 recruiting prizes in their respective states—Florida, California, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Wisconsin—which makes this position possibly the strongest in the Top 50 honor roll.

Lateef Travis (6-4, 230) started last season for Pensacola High before transferring to nearby Pine Forest High for the state playoffs. Pine Forest ended 13-0 by outscoring four playoff foes, 188–46, and was accord-

ed the mythical national title by one newspaper poll. Bruce Walker (6-4, 240) of Compton, CA, Dominguez played fullback and defensive end last fall, runs the sprints, and tosses the shot put over 54 feet in track. Shannon Mitchell (6-2, 215) of Alcoa, TN, also a tight end, was charted with 143 total hits in a 14-1 season ending as state Class AA runner-up. He also intercepted five passes. Lawrence Mitchell (6-6, 225) of Conway, SC, is rated "dominating" by most observers after making 132 tackles last season. He runs the 40 in 4.6 and plays tight end. Also, he's a standout basketball player and track man. Stacy Wilson (6-4, 230) of Tupelo, MS, led his team in quarterback sacks and fumbles caused last fall from his outside linebacker/end spot. Greg McThomas (6-3, 235) was a key reason Milwaukee, WI, Marquette ended 12-1 with a state title. He also plays fullback, tight end, and defensive end. In track, he's tossed the shot-put 60 feet and the discus 175 feet.

Other honored 'backers include Oliver Gibson (6-4, 235) of Romeoville, IL; Marvin Jones (6-2, 222) of Miami, FL, Northwestern; and Jeremy Spilley (6-3, 220) of unbeaten state champion Brentwood, TN, Academy. Gibson, also an offensive tackle, was in on 135 tackles last season, including 18 stops behind the line of scrimmage. He was the only junior with all-state credentials. Jones was a second-unit Sunshine State all-star and rates high marks from all talent scouts in

southern Florida. Spivey, also a tight end, was a dominating defensive player on Tennessee's top team in 1988 and rated all-state recognition.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Clifton Abraham (5-10, 170) was one of the reasons David W. Carter High of Dallas (14-0-1) captured the Texas Class 5A crown last season. He was the only underclassman named to the Dallas area defensive all-star unit and is courted by numerous schools. He times 4.5 seconds for 40 yards. A pair of 4.4 multi-sport standouts are cited: Harold Ragain (6-1, 177) of Miami Beach, FL, who's also a basketball player. LeShane Saddler (5-11, 175) of Waterloo, IA, East, also timed 10.9 for 100 meters as a sophomore and 6.3 seconds for the indoor 55-meter dash.

Two rangy 6-foot-4 athletes round out the secondary: Gerald Simpson (190) of Warren, OH, Harding and Ricardo Washington (210) of Bogalusa, LA. Simpson, also a wide receiver/tailback, was a regular on the 20-3 basketball team, runs track, and competes in amateur boxing. After missing the first three games last fall with a broken arm, he charted 63 tackles in seven starts, including 19 solo stops against rival Western Reserve. Washington, also an offensive back, times 4.5 for 40 yards—the same as Simpson.

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Street & Smith's Top 50 High School Seniors of 1989

QUARTERBACKS

	ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Steve Clements	6-3	185	Huntsville	Huntsville, TX
Cale Gundy	6-2	185	Midwest City	Midwest City, OK
Joe Pickens	6-3	215	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH
Mike Thomas	6-4	215	Richmond	Rockingham, NC
Chris Weinke	6-4	205	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN

RUNNING BACKS

Jeff Burris	6-1	190	Northwestern	Rock Hill, SC
Garrison Hearst	6-0	190	Lincoln County	Lincolnton, GA
Calvin Jones	6-1	205	Central	Omaha, NE
Ricky Powers	6-1	200	Buchtel	Akron, OH
Sebastian Small	5-11	190	Smith	Fayetteville, NC
Robert Smith	6-2	190	Euclid	Euclid, OH
Rodrick Walker	6-1	180	Nimitz	Irving, TX
Germaine Williams	6-0	215	Ascension Catholic	Donaldville, LA

UTILITY PLAYERS

Millard Coleman	5-10	170	Harrison	Farm Hills, MI
Brett Law	5-11	190	Marion-Adams	Sheridan, IN
Deon Strother	6-1	195	Skyline	Oakland, CA

WIDE RECEIVERS

Andre Hastings	6-2	175	Morrow	Morrow, GA
Ryan Lenderman	5-11	170	Grand Junction	Grand Junction, CO
Jeremy Smith	6-1	180	Bishop Amat	La Puente, CA

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Alcindor Coleman	6-4	300	Aquinas	Rochester, NY
Johnny Footman	6-4	330	Lakeland	Lakeland, FL
Brian Osborne	6-5	285	Plant City	Plant City, FL
Andrew Peterson	6-6	275	South Kitsap	Port Orchard, WA
Steven Roberts	6-4	265	Dalton	Dalton, GA
Aaron Taylor	6-5	260	De La Salle	Concord, CA

TIGHT ENDS

Kyle Brady	6-6	245	Cedar Cliff	Camp Hill, PA
Hugo Ieremia	6-4	245	Spruce Creek	Port Orange, FL

KICKER

Marty Simpson	6-5	190	Spring Valley	Columbia, SC
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DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Aubrey Beavers	6-4	225	Yates	Houston, TX
Reuben Brown	6-4	265	E. C. Glass	Lynchburg, VA
Mitch Davis	6-3	235	Vigor	Pritchard, AL
William Davis	6-7	270	Camden	Camden, NJ
James Gregory	6-4	300	Summer	St. Louis, MO
Brian Hamilton	6-4	220	St. Rita	Chicago, IL
Aaron Jackson	6-6	270	Penn Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Troy Williams	6-6	265	Air Academy	USAF Acad., CO

LINEBACKERS

Oliver Gibson	6-4	235	Romeoville	Romeoville, IL
Marvin Jones	6-2	222	Northwestern	Miami, FL
Greg McThomas	6-3	235	Marquette	Milwaukee, WI
Lawrence Mitchell	6-6	225	Conway	Conway, SC
Shannon Mitchell	6-2	215	Alcoa	Alcoa, TN
Jeremy Spivey	6-3	220	Brentwood Academy	Brentwood, TN
Lateef Travis	6-4	230	Pine Forest	Pensacola, FL
Bruce Walker	6-4	240	Dominguez	Compton, CA
Stacy Wilson	6-4	230	Tupelo	Tupelo, MS

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Clifton Abraham	5-10	170	Carter	Dallas, TX
Harold Ragain	6-1	177	Miami Beach	Miami Beach, FL
LeShane Saddler	5-11	175	East	Waterloo, IA
Gerald Simpson	6-4	190	Harding	Warren, OH
Ricardo Washington	6-4	210	Bogalusa	Bogalusa, LA

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QUARTERBACKS

high school	home town
Jonathan Allen	John Adams
Mike Alston	Central
Jay Austin	Northeastern
Jefferson Bates	Irmo
Geoff Bender	North Hills
Dale Brewer	Evans
Honore Britton	Biloxi
Dante Carter	Carver
Toby Cates	Chapman
Frank Cesta	St. Joseph's
Steve Christopher	Annniston
Scott Christy	Wooster
Todd Collins	Walpole
Kareem Croxsell	Havre de Grace
Ryan Cuff	Richfield
John D'Addetta	Paramus
Chris Delmonaco	Oil City
Scott Driskell	Creston
Jim Erjevic	Brownsville
Jay Fiedler	Oceanside
Torrance Garfield	Julian
Brandon Gourley	Doyle
Todd Gragnano	Los Alamitos
Tim Gutierrez	Santa Clara
Ryan Hancock	Monta Vista
Tim Hatajik	Highland
B. J. Hawkins	Potomac
Randy Hecklinski	Palatine
Wade Hill	Waldron
Lee Hurst	Washington
Adam Hyzdu	Moeller
Jason Jack	Oxford
Matt Jones	Rogers
Ron Jones	Vanguard
Tony Jones	Plant
J. B. Kulik	Washington
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Mark Manzo	Kalani
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Jermaine Richardson	Western Reserve
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John Saccia	Delran
Steven Savoy	Sterling
Brent Scott	Bristol
Mike Senters	Sunset
Brock Spencer	Clearfield
Chris Street	Indianola
Kurt Thorne	Great Falls
Jason Van Dyke	McDowell
Joe Walton	East Islip
Rob Westervelt	Hart
Michael Wynn	San Fernando
Bob Zurinkas	Brockton

RUNNING BACKS

Joseph Alexander	Rockmart
Tupu Alualu	St. Louis
Chris Anderson	Huntsville
Rod Bailey	Gateway
Elan Banies	Muskegon
Greg Barnes	Tahlequah
Zane Beehn	Apollo
Bryce Bevill	DeMatha

Derek Bochna	Mapletown
Kevin Bouie	Pahokee
John Bradley	St. John Baptist
Quinn Britto	East Providence
Darnell Brooks	Jefferson
Wilbert Brown	Brookhaven
Jerome Casey	Sylmar
Parnell Charles	St. Agnes
Shane Childers	Klein Oak
Sherman Chiles	Pocono Mountain
Drew Christmon	Midwest City
Marcus Cole	Mills
Darnell Cross	Perth Amboy
Keith Cyr	Ramapo Regional
Chuck Danys	Garfield
Michael Davis	Morton
Andrew DeLoach	Wooster
Marcus Dickson	Maryvale
Duane Dow	LaPorte
Orlando Dulin	Steel Valley
Leon Edwards	Southeast
Keith Elias	Lacey Township
Omar Ellison	Griffin
Fred Fields	DeSoto County
Darin Ford	Cambridge
Ben Gamble	Vigor
Derek Gould	Pemberton
Quincy Griffin	Great Bridge
O. J. Hall	Rancho Buena Vista
Mark Harper	Santa Monica
Frank Harvey	Terrell County
Sam Henc	Stone County
Jeff Hill	Mount Healthy
Marcus Hill	Sheffield
Ivory Hilliard	Patterson
Cory Hodge	Bethel
Steve Hodge	Zanesville
Reggie Horstead	Elba
Ronnie Hudson	Miramar
Earnest Hunter	Longview
Andrew Hyde	Wissahickon
Bobby Jackson	Albert
Leonard Johansen	Flagstaff
Eric Johnson	Union
Jesse Johnson	Bishop Gallagher
Cleon Jones	Vigor
Larry Jones	Gainesville
Michael Jones	Montclair Prep
Tony LaMarre	Bettendorf
Kedra Malone	Niceville
Donald Marshall	Grand Prairie
Jeff Messenger	Marinette
Ty McClary	Fostoria
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Vernon Smith	Poly
Marshawn Thompson	Bassett
Ray Thompson	Sylvan Hills
Michael Thornton	Bermudian Springs
Mike Thornton	Albany

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Brian Thurmond	Weber
Anthony Toler	Pine Forest
Kelly Trui	Kearsley
Johnathan Walker	MacArthur
Daron Washington	Ellison
Eric Washington	Dover-Sherborn
David White	Chillicothe
George White	Allen
Kevin Whitter	West-Oak
Earnest Williams	Rangview
Curtis Willis	Wilson
Alfred Wilson	Murrah
Ivan Wilson	South Gate
John Woody	Thompson
Stewart Wright	Wilson
Andre Young	Crestwood

UTILITY PLAYERS

Scott Albretch	Mountain View
Ethan Allen	St. Peter
Robbie Allen	Butler
Shane Andrews	Carlsbad
Paul Andrezewski	Orchard Park
Ryan Blakely	Vigor
Adam Burawski	Friends
Shawn Chamblee	Independence
Steven Coleman	Pike County
Jeff Cothran	Middletown
Lawrence Darian	Dunbar
Chris Dawson	Park View
Brian Donnelly	Madison Central
Cliff Dutton	Gleneag
Bobby Emerson	Minor
Jim Flanigan	Southern Door
Xavier Foreman	Los Angeles
Jim Freeman	Central
Brian Gelzheiser	Baldwin
Andre Green	Poly
Marcus Green	Northview
Scott Gurnsey	Tumwater
Juan Hammonds	Fern Creek
John Herpin	LaPorte
Lloyd Hill	Permian
Blair Hodson	Logan
Nate Holdren	Richland
Chuck Hython	Steubenville
Malek Jackson	Elizabeth
Kevin Jordan	High Point
Charles Levy	Lynwood
Dean Lyle	Brevard
Jack Manu	Paramount
David Mayfield	Morgantown
Randy McKee	West
Natrone Means	Central Cabarrus
Darrell Miller	Hillsborough
Kerry Oman	Springville
Malcolm Pearson	St. Thomas Aquinas
Gary Pegues	Choctawhatchie
Steve Perkins	Dillard
Chris Powell	Rockhurst
Doc Smith	Riverhead
Jeff Staton	Easton
Larry Thompson	Fairfield
Johnnell Turner	Oxnard
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New York—Hempstead (10-0)
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Pennsylvania—Berwick (15-0)
South Carolina—Hopkins Lower Richland (12-2)
Tennessee—Alcoa (14-1); Brentwood Academy (15-0)
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Arizona—Mario Bates, Tucson Amphitheater, RB, 6-2, 195
Arkansas—Basil Shabazz, Pine Bluff, DB-RB, 6-1, 185
California—Derek Sparks, Wilmington Banning, RB, 6-0, 200; Mario Mattison, Los Angeles Fairfax, DB, 5-10, 170; Johnny Hines, Dos Palos, TE-DE, 6-9, 240; John McWilliams, Pomona, WR, 6-6, 210
Florida—Marquette Smith, Winter Park Lake Howell, RB, 5-9, 175; Cedric Bouey, Longwood Lyman, RB, 6-0, 190; Preston Wallace, Lauderdale Lakes Boyd Anderson, RB, 5-9, 170; Fred Lester, Miami Southridge, RB, 6-2, 210; Forest Conoly, Gainesville Eastside, OT, 6-5, 280
Georgia—John McClain, Cartersville, RB, 6-2, 195; Mike Washington, Milledgeville Baldwin County, DL, 6-5, 250; John Perkins, Warner Robins, RB, 5-10, 175
Illinois—Sean Scott, Homewood-Flossmoor, RB, 6-1, 200

Indiana—Matt Wills, South Bend Riley, RB, 5-10, 200; Matt Pike, Huntington North, QB, 6-3, 185
Kentucky—Jermaine Brown, Fairdale, DB, 6-2, 190
Louisiana—Paul Nixon, Covington, RB, 5-11, 175
Massachusetts—Chris Campbell, Brockton, RB, 6-1, 195
Michigan—Shannon McLean, Detroit St. Martin de Porres, LB-FB, 6-2, 225
Missouri—Mark Smith (soph), Webb City, LB-QB, 6-3, 215
New Jersey—Dave Sanders, Somerset Franklin Regional, OT, 6-3, 270; Deon Jackson, South River, TE, 6-6, 200
New Mexico—Robert Zamora, Mountainair, RB, 6-0, 190
New York—Charles Moore, Hempstead, LB, 6-2, 230; Marco Rivera, Elmont, T, 6-4, 240
North Carolina—Curtis Johnson, Greensboro Smith, RB, 5-10, 185; Rashein Feaster, Thomasville, RB, 5-9, 200
Ohio—Deollo Anderson, Youngstown Ursuline, WR-DB, 6-2, 180; Craig Powell, Youngstown Rayen, DL, 6-6, 225; Myron Elzy, Warren Western Reserve, DE-FB, 6-3, 235; Ryan Henry, Canton McKinley, QB, 6-0, 175; Daniel Wilkerson, Dayton Dunbar, OT, 6-4, 305; Braylen Watkins, Columbus Briggs, T, 6-3, 290
Oklahoma—Che Foster, Edmond, RB, 6-2, 225
Pennsylvania—John Bowman, Berwick, OT, 6-3, 240; Adam Martin, Penn Hills, RB, 6-0, 185; Jerry Devine, Bristol, DB, 5-10, 165; Darrell Harding (soph), Charleroi, RB, 6-0, 185
South Carolina—Bobby Engram, Camden, WR, 5-11, 175; Brian Smith (soph), Spartanburg, QB, 6-2, 180
Tennessee—Tim Ballard, Germantown, LB-DB, 5-11, 185
Texas—Derrick Harris, Angleton, RB, 6-0, 220; Clemon Simmons, Port Arthur Jefferson, DL, 6-2, 240; Blaise Roberts, Dallas Dunbar, RB, 5-9, 185; Robert Williams, Dallas White, DE-TE, 6-2, 210
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PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Timm Rosenbach, Washington St.	JR	11	302	199	65.89	10	3.31	2791	9.24	23	7.62	162.0
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	238	155	65.13	12	5.04	2238	9.40	19	7.98	160.4
Chip Ferguson, Florida St.	SR	10	194	122	62.89	11	5.67	1714	8.84	16	8.25	153.0
Troy Aikman, UCLA	SR	11	327	209	60.26	8	2.45	2599	7.95	23	7.03	149.0
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Warren Jones, Hawaii	SO	11	533	323	60.60	15	2.81	4322	8.11	21	5.44	142.6
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Randy Weiniak, Wyoming	SR	11	409	258	61.54	10	2.96	3310	8.09	14	7.02	137.4
Rodney Peete, Southern Cal.	SR	12	356	212	59.55	8	2.25	2507	7.04	25	4.96	134.6
Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa	SO	11	356	212	58.02	7	3.30	1597	7.53	13	5.33	139.2
Andre Ware, Houston	SR	11	212	123	59.30	18	3.72	3824	7.90	14	5.00	140.7
David Dacus, Houston	SR	11	484	287	58.93	10	3.57	2205	7.88	14	5.65	134.2
Anthony Dilweg, Duke	SR	11	280	165	53.67	11	3.11	2869	8.10	20	4.98	133.6
Mike Elkins, Wake Forest	SR	11	354	190	52.33	11	5.70	1540	7.98	15	7.77	133.6
Billy Joe Tollerive, Texas Tech	SO	10	193	101	61.99	19	5.92	2547	7.93	16	5.86	132.0
Matt Baker, Temple	SR	11	321	199	60.00	14	4.32	2465	7.61	19	4.04	131.9
Ken Lutz, San Jose St.	SR	10	324	186	57.41	14	8.04	1522	7.69	17	5.15	130.8
Tony Kimbrough, Western Mich.	SR	11	198	123	62.12	9	2.73	2529	7.66	16	4.08	130.4
Shane Montgomery, No. Caro. St.	JR	12	330	191	54.85	10	3.13	2607	8.17	13	4.85	130.2
Pat Hegarty, UTEP	SR	11	319	174	54.55	10	4.24	2416	7.32	16	4.85	130.2
Sean Covey, Brigham Young	JR	11	330	202	61.21	14	4.24					
Troy Taylor, California	JR	11	330	202								

TOTAL OFFENSE

	car	gain	loss	net	att	rushing	passing	ydpl	td*	offense	
Scott Mitchell, Utah	56	127	150	-23	533	4322	589	4299	7.30	29	
Anthony Dilweg, Duke	55	77	188	-111	484	3824	539	3713	6.89	26	
Timm Rosenbach, Washington St.	115	551	187	364	302	2791	417	3155	7.57	32	
Brent Snyder, Utah St.	87	251	327	-76	448	3218	535	3142	5.87	23	
Steve Walsh, Miami	70	162	132	30	442	2896	512	2926	5.71	20	
Erik Wilhelmin, Oregon St.	91	293	148	145	324	2465	504	2853	5.66	16	
Tony Kimbrough, Western Mich.	144	505	200	305	409	3310	463	3045	6.62	35	
Eric Jones, Vanderbilt	54	58	298	-240	324	2627	460	3070	6.63	20	
Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa	136	661	243	418	323	2305	493	2759	5.60	20	
Randy Weiniak, Wyoming	164	790	336	454	354	2268	460	2937	6.38	27	
Terrence Jones, Tulane	201	915	246	669	259	2869	409	2687	6.57	21	
Warren Jones, Hawaii	55	21	233	-182	354	2727	2599	396	2685	6.78	24
Billy Joe Tollerive, Texas Tech	69	227	141	86	327	2599	360	397	6.75	21	
Troy Aikman, UCLA	59	222	196	26	338	2654	393	2553	7.46	39	
Rodney Peete, Southern Cal.	342	2595	42	2553	136	330	2416	455	5.61	16	
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St.	125	472	336	122	368	273	1807	453	2550	5.63	23
Troy Taylor, California	180	960	217	743	273	2158	441	2526	5.73	23	
Brian Mitchell, Southwestern La.	159	580	212	368	282	2607	387	2525	6.52	17	
Shawn Moore, Virginia	68	155	237	-82	319	2547	412	2500	6.07	18	
Sean Covey, Brigham Young	91	302	349	-47	321	2507	391	2459	6.29	27	
Ken Lutz, San Jose St.	35	74	122	-48	356	2170	402	2432	6.05	16	
Andre Ware, Houston	103	461	199	262	299						
Mike Johnson, Akron											

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	ydpl	yds pg
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	2553	181	95	421	3250	295.45
Johnny Johnson, San Jose St.	JR	12	1219	668	0	315	2202	183.50
Eric Wilkerson, Kent.	SR	11	1325	73	0	502	1900	172.73
Tony Boles, Michigan	JR	10	1359	64	141	525	1725	172.50
Kendal Smith, Utah St.	JR	11	25	1196	0	765	1887	171.55
Michael Pierce, Tulane	JR	10	345	534	0	810	1787	164.40
Andrew Greer, Ohio	JR	11	863	114	0	1765	164.25	164.25
Anthony Thompson, Indiana	JR	11	1546	219	0	117	1574	157.40
Eric Metcalf, Texas	SR	10	932	333	192	0	1705	155.00
Darren Lewis, Texas A&M	SO	11	1692	13	0	254	1679	152.64
Blake Ezor, Michigan St.	JR	11	1358	67	0	535	1568	151.64
Keith Jones, Illinois	SR	11	1108	374	0	309	1562	142.60
James Dixon, Houston	SR	11	0	1103	0	325	1394	139.00
Tyrone Thurman, Texas Tech	JR	11	28	726	37	0	101	137.00
Tim Worley, Georgia	SO	10	1021	48	0	749	1234	137.00
Mike Mayweather, Army	JR	10	1141	141	0	513	1371	137.00
Steve Broussard, Washington St.	JR	11	367	288	0	0	0	1466
Keith Stephens, Louisville	SO	9	5	480	0	0	0	1459
Mark Seay, Long Beach St.	SO	10	775	83	0	0	0	138.00
Carlos Snow, Ohio St.	JR	11	836	630	0	0	0	137.00
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RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	342	2553	7.5	37	232.09
Darren Lewis, Texas A&M	SO	11	306	1692	5.5	7	153.82
Anthony Thompson, Indiana	JR	11	329	1546	4.7	24	140.55
Tony Boles, Michigan	JR	12	232	1497	6.5	12	124.75
Ken Clark, Nebraska	SO	10	219	1243	5.7	10	123.45
Eric Bienemy, Colorado	JR	11	290	1358	4.7	10	120.45
Blake Ezor, Michigan St.	JR	11	247	1325	5.4	14	114.10
Eric Wilkerson, Kent.	JR	10	189	1141	6.0	11	112.55
Steve Broussard, Washington St.	JR	11	215	1238	5.8	7	111.64
Don Riley, Central Mich.	JR	11	207	1228	5.9	8	110.55
Curvin Richards, Pittsburgh	JR	11	191	1216	6.4	17	109.78
Tim Worley, Georgia	SO	9	187	988	5.3	9	104.18
Emmitt Smith, Florida	SO	11	193	1146	5.9	11	103.55
Kennard Martin, North Caro.	SO	11	199	1139	5.7	9	102.10
Terry Allen, Clemson	SO	10	190	1021	5.4	9	101.58
Mike Mayweather, Army	JR	12	233	1219	5.2	15	100.73
Johnny Johnson, San Jose St.	JR	11	206	1108	5.4	10	100.17
Keith Jones, Illinois	JR	12	265	1202	4.5	13	96.55
Derek Loville, Oregon	SR	11	264	1062	4.0	4	95.91
Byron Sanders, Northwestern	SR	11	240	1055	4.4	10	95.82
Paul Hewitt, San Diego St.	SR	11	226	1054	4.7	12	94.55
Robert Davis, Western Michigan	SR	11	242	1040	4.3	9	94.55
Joe Henderson, Iowa State	SR	11	242	1040	4.3	9	94.55

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	lg	pts	pt pg
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	39	0	0	234	21.27
Anthony Thompson, Indiana	JR	11	24	0	0	144	13.09
Chris Jacke, UTEP	SR	12	0	48	25	123	10.25
Charlie Baumann, West Va.	SR	11	0	58	18	112	10.18
Roman Anderson, Houston	FR	11	0	51	19	108	9.82
Tim Worley, Georgia	FR	11	0	44	21	107	9.73
Carlos Huerta, Miami	FR	12	19	2	0	116	9.67
Johnny Johnson, San Jose St.	SR	11	0	30	24	102	9.27
Kendall Trainor, Arkansas	SR	11	0	67	11	100	9.09
Cary Blanchard, Oklahoma St.	FR	12	17	4	0	106	8.83
Sean Fleming, Wyoming	JR	11	0	42	18	96	8.73
Greg Johnson, Air Force	JR	11	1	36	17	93	8.45
Steve Loop, Fresno St.	SR	11	15	2	0	92	8.36
Mike Gillette, Michigan	SR	11	15	2	0	92	8.36
Eddie Johnson, Utah	SR	11	14	8	0	91	8.27
Brian Mitchell, Southwestern La.	SO	11	1	28	19	91	8.18
Carl Harry, Utah	SO	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Philip Doyle, Alabama	JR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
James Gray, Texas Tech	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Hart Lee Dykes, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Eric Wilkerson, Kent.	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.09
Jason Phillips, Houston	JR	11	0	41	16	89	8.09
Alfredo Velasco, UCLA							

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER

Rushing and passing

Rushing and passing plays

Rushing and passing yards

Rushing plays

Net rushing yards

Passes attempted

Passes completed

Passing yards

Receiving and returns

Passes caught

Receiving yards

Punt-return yards

Kickoff-return yards

Scoring

TDs and points

team (opponent, date)

Oklahoma (Kansas St., Oct 15).....

Utah (Air Force, Oct 15).....

Oklahoma (Kansas St., Oct 15).....

Rushing and passing yards

Fewest rushing yards allowed

Fewest rush-pass yards allowed

Passes attempted

Passes completed

Points

player, team (opponent, date)							
Erik Wilhelm, Oregon St. (Southern Cal, Oct 29).....	70						
Scott Mitchell, Utah (Air Force, Oct 15).....	625						
Anthony Thompson, Indiana (Iowa, Oct 29).....	47						
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St. (Kansas St., Oct 29).....	65						
Scott Mitchell, Utah (UTEP, Oct 1).....	44						
Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa (Indiana, Oct 22).....	320						
Scott Mitchell, Utah (Air Force, Oct 15).....	631						
Jason Phillips, Houston (Louisiana Tech, Sept 10).....	16						
Carl Harry, Utah (Idaho St, Sept 10).....	255						
James Henry, Southern Miss. (Mississippi St., Oct 15).....	136						
Carlos Snow, Ohio St. (Pittsburgh, Sept 17).....	213						
John Harvey, UTEP (Weber St., Sept 10).....	5 and 30						
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St. (Tulsa, Oct 22).....	5 and 30						
Joe Henderson, Iowa St. (Kansas, Oct 22).....	5 and 30						
Barry Sanders, Oklahoma St. (Kansas, Nov 12).....	5 and 30						
team (opponent, date)							
Oklahoma (Kansas St., Oct 15).....	768						
Utah (Air Force, Oct 15).....	631						
Oklahoma (Kansas St., Oct 15).....	829						
Houston (Louisiana Tech, Sept 10).....	71						
Baylor (Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept 3).....	50						
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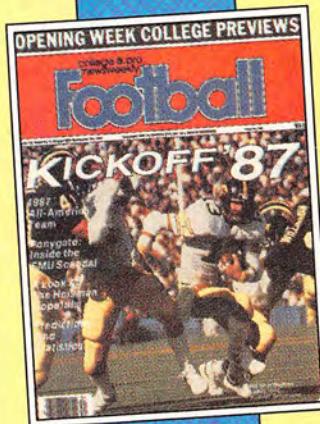
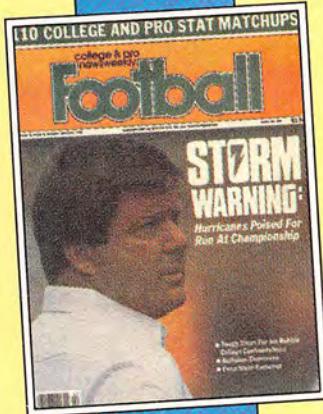
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SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Oklahoma St.	11	522	47.5
West Va.	11	472	42.9
Wyoming	12	497	41.4
Houston	11	452	41.1
Florida St.	11	442	40.2
Nebraska	12	474	39.5
Utah	11	399	36.3
Miami	11	395	35.9
UTEP	12	427	35.6
Washington St.	11	391	35.5
Air Force	12	422	35.2
UCLA	11	375	34.1
Brigham Young	12	401	33.4
Indiana	11	362	32.9
Notre Dame	11	359	32.6
Fresno St.	11	358	32.5
Southern Cal.	12	383	31.9
Hawaii	12	346	31.5
Arkansas	11	339	30.8
Michigan	11	339	30.8

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Auburn	11	79	7.2
Miami	11	113	10.3
Notre Dame	11	135	12.3
Fresno St.	11	139	12.6
North Car. St.	11	142	12.9
Michigan St.	11	143	13.0
Oklahoma	11	147	13.4
Clemson	11	151	13.7
Michigan	11	153	13.9
Alabama	11	160	14.5

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained				turnovers lost			
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	margin /game	
Arkansas	14	21	35	8	5	13	1.82	
Clemson	18	14	32	8	4	12	1.55	
Oklahoma St.	19	16	35	6	12	18	1.50	
UTEP	13	22	35	6	11	17	1.36	
Michigan	11	14	25	8	2	10	1.27	
Alabama	8	17	25	7	4	11	1.27	
Southern Cal.	15	17	32	7	11	18	1.27	

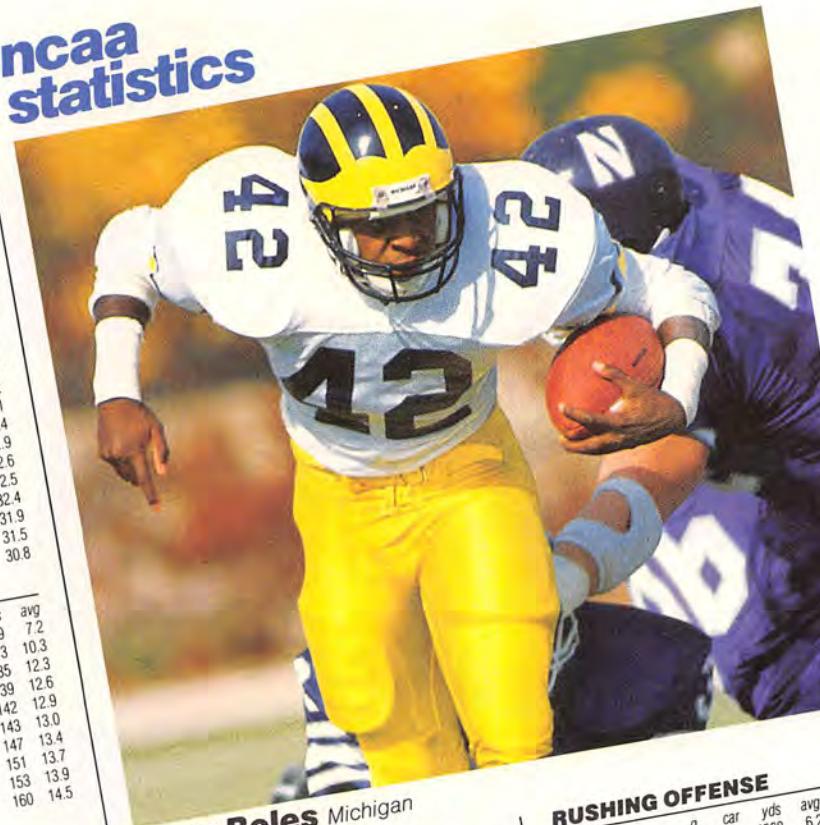
PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds att	td	yds pg
Utah	11	580	327	20	60.2	4355	8.0	29	395.9
Houston	11	580	344	15	59.3	4153	7.2	38	377.5
Duke	11	496	292	20	58.9	3868	7.8	24	351.6
Brigham Young	12	475	258	20	54.3	3874	8.2	26	322.8
Miami	11	441	260	13	59.0	3503	7.9	35	318.5
Utah St.	12	419	260	10	62.1	3324	7.9	15	298.0
Iowa Tech	11	364	194	11	53.3	2917	8.0	20	265.2
Oregon St.	11	445	275	9	61.8	2896	6.5	18	263.3
Western Mich.	11	397	221	10	66.2	2836	9.3	23	257.8
Washington St.	11	305	202	8	59.6	3065	7.5	17	255.4
San Jose St.	12	411	245	28	56.4	3037	7.8	23	253.1
Wyoming	12	390	220	9	49.1	2743	6.8	22	247.0
Tulsa	11	403	198	20	61.7	2717	7.8	19	245.0
Southern Cal.	11	347	214	10	64.0	2695	7.8	24	243.3
UCLA	11	344	220	18	58.9	2676	8.4	21	241.5
Florida St.	11	319	188	18	58.0	2656	6.8	17	241.1
Louisville	11	393	228	19	54.6	2652	7.2	12	236.0
Vanderbilt	11	370	202	15	59.9	2596	7.4	16	236.0
California	11	352	211	15	59.9	2596	7.4	16	236.0

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds att	td	yds pg
Baylor	11	237	97	9	40.9	1296	5.5	11	117.8
Pittsburgh	11	208	87	13	41.8	1308	6.3	7	118.9
Florida	11	254	121	16	47.6	1360	5.4	10	123.6
Purdue	11	232	93	16	40.1	1430	6.2	10	130.0
Florida St.	11	278	110	18	39.6	1443	5.2	10	131.2
Nebraska	12	282	123	16	43.6	1618	5.7	10	134.8
Navy	11	212	105	7	49.5	1484	7.0	8	138.9
Georgia Tech	11	252	129	14	51.2	1528	6.1	7	139.5
Eastern Mich.	10	212	124	11	58.5	1395	6.6	7	128.0
Kentucky	11	250	134	10	53.6	1535	6.1	11	142.7
Syracuse	11	274	135	16	49.3	1570	5.7	11	143.6
Washington	11	279	136	12	48.7	1580	5.1	7	147.5
West Va.	11	315	134	23	42.5	1622	5.1	6	147.9
Iowa St.	11	234	128	7	54.7	1627	7.0	6	148.2
Fresno St.	11	321	131	22	40.8	1630	5.1	7	150.0
Bali St.	11	266	136	15	51.1	1650	6.2	7	150.4
Northwestern	11	203	120	5	59.1	1654	8.1	9	154.9
Auburn	11	332	159	17	47.9	1704	5.1	6	159.1
Iowa	12	303	150	15	49.5	1909	6.3	10	159.1
Miami	11	307	141	16	45.9	1754	5.7	7	159.5

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RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Nebraska	12	735	4568	6.2	47	382.3
Air Force	12	734	4530	6.2	48	375.5
Army	11	786	3815	4.9	35	346.8
Oklahoma	11	668	3777	5.7	36	343.4
Oklahoma St.	11	559	3417	6.1	47	310.6
West Va.	11	621	3228	5.2	40	293.5
Colorado	11	614	3095	5.0	34	281.4
Kent.	11	624	3073	4.9	32	277.6
Clemson	12	653	3102	4.8	33	258.5
Texas A&M	11	593	2838	4.8	30	256.6
Notre Dame	11	559	2785	5.1	29	252.5
Pittsburgh	11	547	2778	5.1	29	252.5
Georgia	11	581	2718	4.8	35	247.1
Indiana	11	583	2718	4.7	19	246.7
Michigan St.	11	568	2714	4.8	25	246.7
Arizona	11	631	2714	4.3	23	242.8
Arkansas	11	609	2671	4.4	20	240.9
Missouri	11	554	2650	4.8	21	240.9
East Caro.	11	437	2134	3.0	14	109.5

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Auburn	11	666	2399	3.6	9	218.1
Miami	11	726	2662	3.7	11	242.0
Florida	11	710	2726	3.8	18	247.8
Pittsburgh	11	686	2835	4.1	20	254.2
Baylor	11	664	2887	4.3	18	262.5
Ball St.	11	743	3153	4.2	20	262.8
Nebraska	12	783	2907	3.7	11	264.3
Fresno St.	11	655	2958	4.5	19	268.9
Southern Cal.	11	735	3012	4.3	16	279.5
Central Mich.	11	721	3075	4.3	14	280.3
Clemson	11	723	3083	4.3	14	281.0
Notre Dame	12	840	3372	4.0	22	281.3
Texas A&M	11	736	3094	4.2	20	282.3
Georgia Tech	11	759	3105	4.1	21	286.4
Florida St.	11	776	3150	4.4	18	287.5
Alabama	11	724	3162	4.4	17	288.7
Wyoming	12	795	3464	4.4	25	291.7
Michigan St.	11	738	3209	4.3	13	291.7

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

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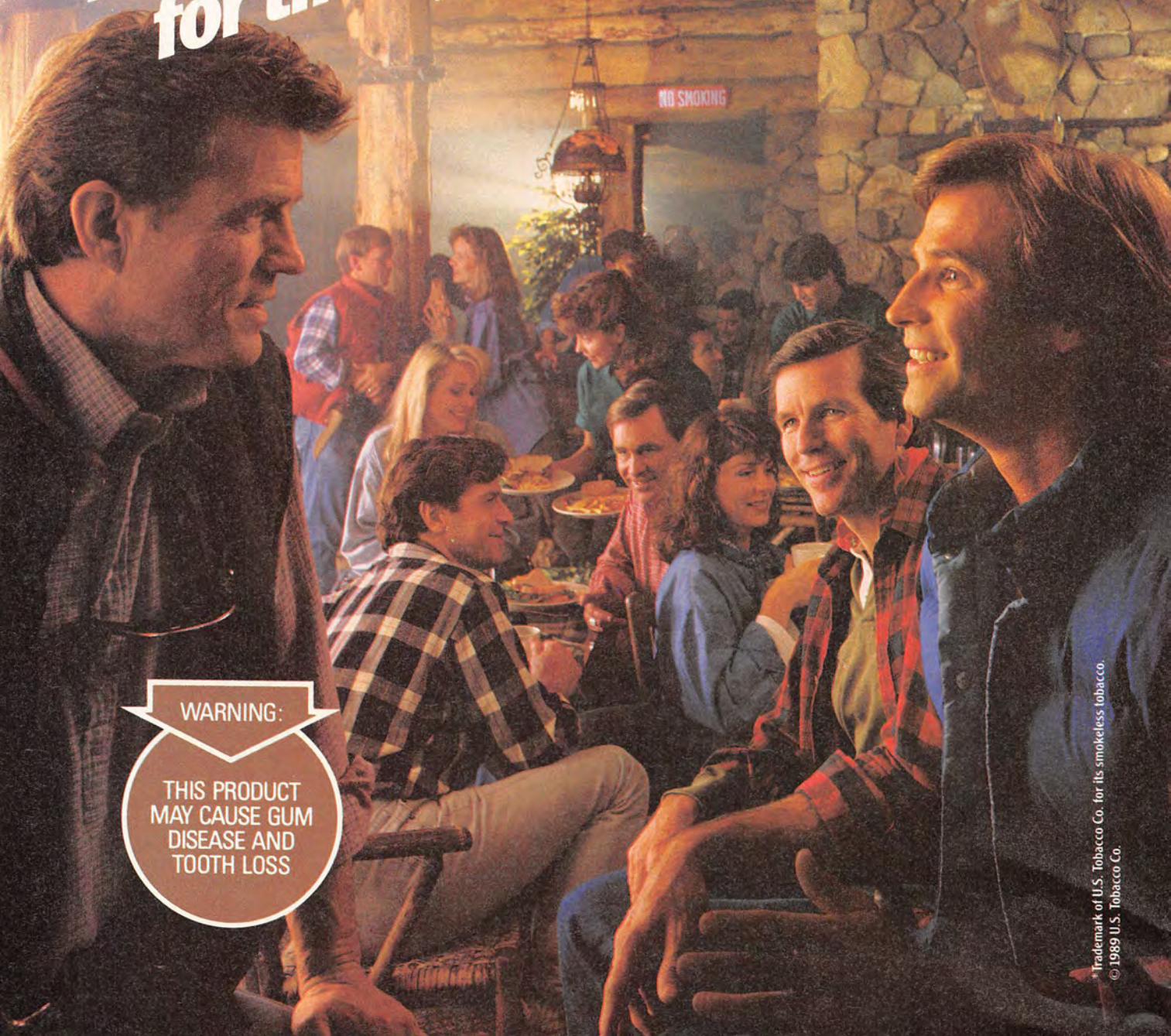
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FINAL DIVISION I-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)

	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Frank Baur, Lafayette	JR	10	256	164	64.06	11	4.30	2621	10.24	23	8.98	171.1
Jim Harris, Lehigh	SR	11	233	139	59.66	10	4.29	2114	9.07	18	7.73	152.8
Scott Stoker, Northwestern La.	JR	11	207	115	55.56	6	2.90	1966	9.50	10	4.83	145.5
Jim Zaccheo, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	302	173	57.28	14	4.64	2592	8.58	20	6.62	142.0
Jason Garrett, Princeton	SR	10	299	204	68.23	3	1.00	2217	7.41	12	4.01	141.7
Scott Davis, North Texas	SO	11	270	158	58.52	15	5.56	2409	8.92	12	4.44	137.0
Bobby Fuller, Appalachian St.	SO	10	217	115	53.00	7	3.23	1668	7.69	16	7.37	135.4
John Gregory, Marshall	JR	11	327	185	56.57	16	4.89	2687	8.22	19	5.81	135.0
Jeff Carlson, Weber St.	SR	11	352	180	51.14	22	6.25	2968	8.43	26	7.39	133.8
Chris Goetz, Towson St.	SO	10	317	185	58.36	16	5.05	2504	7.90	18	5.68	133.4
Paul Johnson, Liberty	JR	11	228	133	58.33	12	5.26	1578	6.92	18	7.89	132.0
Greg Wyatt, Northern Ariz.	JR	9	301	183	60.80	11	3.65	2150	7.14	15	4.98	129.9
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross	SR	11	341	203	59.53	16	4.69	2573	7.55	16	4.69	129.0
Paul Singer, Western Ill.	SR	11	364	201	55.22	11	3.02	2639	7.25	20	5.49	128.2
Matt Degennaro, Connecticut	SO	11	387	238	61.50	13	3.36	2633	6.80	17	4.39	126.4
Mike Buck, Maine	JR	11	347	180	51.87	14	4.03	2575	7.42	21	6.05	126.1
Dave Palazzi, Massachusetts	SR	11	262	144	54.96	16	6.11	2043	7.80	14	5.34	125.9
John Friesz, Idaho	JR	10	397	220	55.42	17	4.28	2874	7.24	18	4.53	122.6
Malcolm Glover, Pennsylvania	JR	10	190	103	54.21	7	3.68	1498	7.88	5	2.63	121.8
Todd Hammel, S.F. Austin St.	JR	11	267	131	49.06	11	4.12	2006	7.51	13	4.87	120.0
Clemente Gordon, Grambling	JR	11	285	129	45.26	7	2.46	1975	6.93	18	6.32	119.4
Tom Yohé, Harvard	SR	8	225	117	52.00	9	4.00	1677	7.45	8	3.56	118.3
Kirk Schulz, Villanova	JR	11	367	214	58.31	21	5.72	2530	6.89	15	4.09	118.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	rushing	passing	total offense								
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	ydpl	tdr	yds pg
John Friesz, Idaho	27	21	144	-123	397	2874	424	2751	6.49	20	275.10
Frank Baur, Lafayette	29	145	39	106	256	2621	285	2727	9.57	25	272.70
Bob Jean, New Hampshire	65	170	210	-40	447	3035	512	2995	5.85	21	272.27
Scott Davis, North Texas	160	681	242	439	270	2409	430	2848	6.62	23	258.91
Jeff Carlson, Weber St.	51	136	286	-150	352	2968	403	2818	6.99	26	256.18
Michael Proctor, Murray St.	149	743	228	515	277	1987	426	2502	5.87	16	250.20
Jason Garrett, Princeton	87	473	205	268	299	2217	386	2485	6.44	15	248.50
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross	68	245	105	140	341	2573	409	2713	6.63	19	246.64
Dave Palazzi, Massachusetts	163	866	206	660	262	2043	425	2703	6.36	19	245.73
Matt Degennaro, Connecticut	81	282	234	48	387	2633	468	2681	5.73	21	243.73
Mike Buck, Maine	72	271	181	90	347	2575	419	2665	6.36	23	242.27
Jim Schuman, Boston U.	68	122	201	-79	447	2694	515	2615	5.08	18	237.73
Chris Goetz, Towson St.	43	62	191	-129	317	2504	360	2375	6.60	19	237.50
Jim Zaccheo, Nevada-Reno	50	209	199	10	302	2592	352	2602	7.39	22	236.55
John Gregory, Marshall	48	81	118	-37	301	2150	349	2113	6.05	16	234.78
Scott Auchenbach, Bucknell	67	92	268	-176	327	2687	394	2511	6.37	19	228.27
Paul Singer, Western Ill.	82	259	164	95	338	2132	420	2242	5.34	19	224.20
Kirk Schulz, Villanova	72	117	325	-208	364	2639	436	2431	5.58	23	221.00
A. Thomas, Bethune-Cookman	67	102	216	-114	367	2530	434	2416	5.57	15	219.64
Mark Johnson, Dartmouth	71	223	231	-8	367	2416	438	2408	5.50	19	218.91
Tom Yohé, Harvard	60	166	244	-78	350	2262	410	2184	5.33	14	218.40
Grady Bennett, Montana	39	126	105	21	225	1677	264	1698	6.43	10	212.25
*Touchdowns responsible for											

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER

Rushing and passing

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Doug Pederson, Northeast La.	(North Texas, Oct 8)	65
Bob Jean, New Hampshire	(Massachusetts Nov 19)	381
Ron Darby, Marshall	(Western Caro., Nov 12)	47
Gene Brown, Citadel	(Va. Military, Nov 12)	286
John Friesz, Idaho	(Montana, Sept 12)	56
Jim Schuman, Boston U.	(Citadel, Oct 22)	56
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Bob Jean, New Hampshire	(Villanova, Nov 5)	486

Receiving and returns

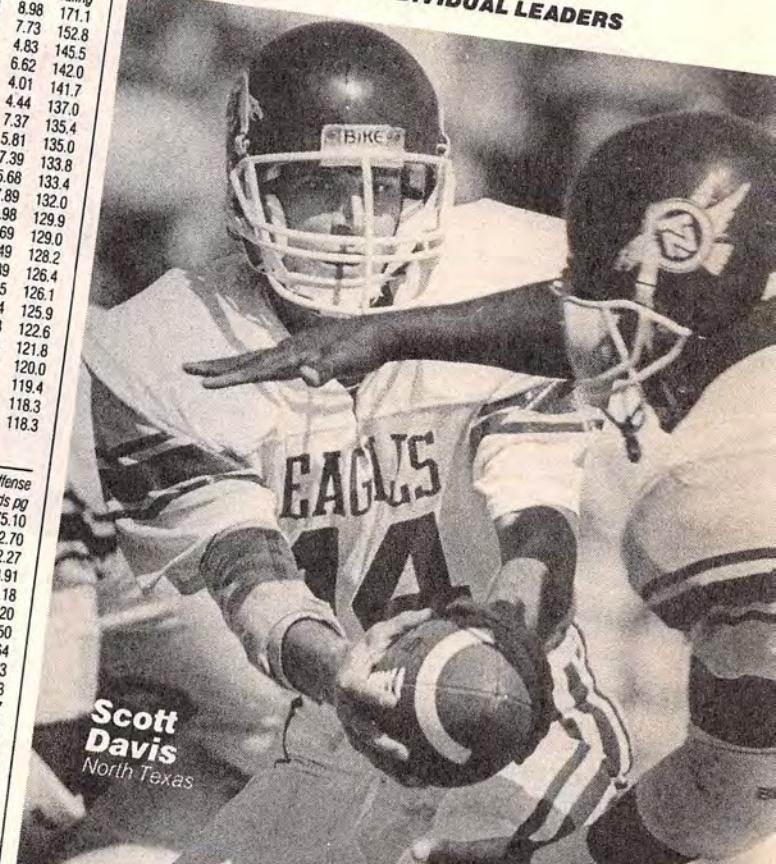
	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Lifford Jackson, Louisiana Tech	(Kansas St., Oct 1)	17
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Tim Egerlon, Delaware St.	(Ark.-Pine Bluff, Oct 15)	154
Otis Washington, Western Caro.	(Marshall, Nov 12)	198

Scoring

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Micky Penallor, Northern Ariz.	(Northern Iowa, Nov 3)	6
Southwest Mo. St.	(Mo. Southern, Sept 10)	681
Lehigh	(Lafayette, Nov 19)	495
Southwest Mo. St.	(Mo. Southern, Sept 10)	752

Field goals

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Colgate	(Davidson, Oct 22)	60
New Hampshire	(Delaware, Oct 1)	33
Boston U.	(Citadel, Oct 22)	65
Boston U.	(Delaware, Nov 19)	35
Lehigh	(Lafayette, Nov 19)	35
Northern Iowa	(Wayne St. (Neb.) Nov 12)	77



ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Otis Washington, Western Caro.	SR	11	66	907	0	1113	2086	189.64
Mark Stock, Va. Military	SR	11	90	1161	260	500	2011	182.82
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	SR	9	844	216	134	418	1612	179.11
Tony Logan, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	0	1098	311	410	1819	165.36
Fine Unga, Weber St.	SR	11	1266	229	7	315	1817	165.18
Erlay Harris, Eastern Ky.	JR	10	1543	89	0	0	1632	163.20
George Bodalhe, Connecticut	JR	11	1002	321	0	443	1766	160.55
Joe Arnold, West Ky.	SR	11	1461	64	0	235	1760	160.00
Judd Garrett, Princeton	JR	10	940	634	0	2	1576	157.60
Reggie Barnes, Delaware St.	SR	10	1336	101	0	92	1529	152.90
Erick Torain, Lehigh	JR	11	8	1071	171	409	1659	150.82
Wes Anderson, Northern Iowa	SR	11	588	351	115	586	1640	149.09
Jeff Steele, Northeast La.	JR	11	484	243	51	835	1613	146.64
Lewis Tillman, Jackson St.	JR	9	114	188	320	693	1315	146.11
Chavez Fogar, Nevada-Reno	SR	10	1388	41	0	0	1429	142.90
Free Killings, Howard	JR	11	1284	228	0	0	1503	137.45
Joe Segreti, Holy Cross	SO	11	1452	51	0	0	1503	136.64
Ron Darby, Marshall	JR	11	1187	138	0	135	1460	132.73
Vernon Williams, Eastern Wash.	JR	11	1128	149	0	180	1457	132.45
Tony Hinz, Harvard	SR	9	686	503	58	973	1456	132.36
Maurice Caldwell, Lafayette	SR	11	2	843	0	600	1445	131.36

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PUNTING

	cl	no	avg
Mike McCabe, Illinois St.	SR	69	44.09
Jody Farmer, Montana	JR	73	43.30
Vaughn Wilson, Florida A&M	SR	52	42.44
Steve Christie, William & Mary	JR	66	42.36
Jim Carriere, Connecticut	SR	41	41.44
Billy Smith, Tenn.-Chatt.	SR	78	41.31
Mike Krause, Western Ill.	JR	72	41.22
Jeff Olivo, Richmond	JR	67	40.78
Steve Jones, Boston U.	SR	60	40.75
Dave Parkinson, Delaware St.	SR	39	40.67
Scott Todd, James Madison	SO	56	40.66
Tim Healy, Delaware	SR	57	40.51
Bruce Leicht, Furman	FR	41	40.49
Bart Bradley, Sam Houston St.	JR	85	40.41
Brian Wilcox, Nicholls St.	JR	69	40.01
Steve Merka, S.F. Austin St.	SR	75	40.00

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Tim Egerton, Delaware St.	JR	16	368	3	23.00
H. Huckabee, Florida A&M	JR	26	478	4	18.38
J. Bledsoe, Massachusetts	SO	17	285	1	16.76
Richard Carey, Idaho	SR	17	271	1	15.94
B. Alexander, S.F. Austin St.	SR	28	445	0	15.89
Brian Jordan, Richmond	JR	23	333	1	14.48
Chris Poirier, Rhode Island	JR	12	161	0	13.42
M. Popovic, Northern Iowa	JR	22	265	0	12.05
Jeff Steele, Northeast La.	JR	27	320	0	11.85
M. Camper, North Texas	SR	28	319	2	11.39
Cedric Jones, Western Ky.	SR	32	357	1	11.16
Chris Truitt, Boise St.	SR	16	172	0	10.75
Tony Logan, Nevada-Reno	SR	29	311	0	10.72
Carl Davis, South Carol. St.	SO	18	190	0	10.56
Mike Marks, Idaho St.	JR	23	235	0	10.22
K. Gainer, Bethune-Cookman	SO	23	230	0	10.00

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	SR	13	418	2	32.15
Nate Singleton, Grambling	FR	16	468	1	29.25
John Jarvis, Howard	JR	16	432	1	27.00
Mike Cadore, Eastern Ky.	SR	13	342	0	26.31
Mark Hurt, Alabama St.	JR	37	973	1	26.30
V. Williams, Eastern Wash.	SR	23	596	0	25.91
A. Herring, Youngstown St.	SO	22	568	2	25.82
Albert Burt, East Tenn. St.	JR	12	304	0	25.33
Chris Pollard, Dartmouth	SR	21	531	0	25.29
Renard Coleman, Montana	SR	17	425	0	25.00
Tim Broady, Murray St.	SR	15	365	0	24.33
Richard Carey, Idaho	SO	20	485	0	24.25
Dan Scocca, Bucknell	JR	19	459	1	24.16
Tim Donovan, Holy Cross	JR	17	409	0	24.06
Steve Elminger, Indiana St.	SR	35	835	1	23.86

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	i/g
Kevin Smith, Rhode Island	SO	10	9	94	0	.90
Mark Seals, Boston U.	SR	11	8	66	0	.73
John Dierking, Northern Ariz.	SR	11	8	22	0	.70
Reggie Johnson, Delaware St.	JR	10	7	54	0	.64
Emrick Wilcox, Western Ill.	SR	11	7	131	1	.64
Dave Murphy, Holy Cross	JR	11	7	121	0	.64
Harvey Wilson, Southern-B.R.	JR	11	7	92	0	.64
Garry Jordan, New Hampshire	JR	10	6	112	0	.60
Frank Leal, Princeton	SR	10	6	86	0	.60
Scott Sims, Dartmouth	JR	10	6	6	0	.60
Dominic Corr, Eastern Wash.	JR	10	6	6	0	.56
Mike Campanale, Dartmouth	SR	9	5	83	1	.56
Gary Browne, Alabama St.	SR	9	5	48	1	.56
Craig Phillips, Southwest Mo. St.	JR	9	5	14	0	.56

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	lg	pls	pt/g
Eroy Harris, Eastern Ky.	JR	10	21	2	0	128	12.80
Ernest Thompson, Ga. Southern	SO	11	20	0	0	120	11.60
Joe Segreti, Holy Cross	SO	11	18	4	0	112	10.91
Erick Torain, Lehigh	SR	9	14	0	0	96	9.33
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	JR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Ron Darby, Marshall	JR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Norm Ford, New Hampshire	JR	11	16	0	0	96	8.67
Charles McCray, Liberty	SR	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Gene Brown, Citadel	FR	11	0	40	18	94	8.55
Dewey Klein, Marshall	SR	11	0	37	19	94	8.40
Keith Chapman, North Texas	JR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Bryan Keys, Pennsylvania	FR	10	0	27	19	84	8.30
Chuck Rawlinson, S.F. Austin St.	SO	10	0	26	19	83	8.18
Chris Lutz, Princeton	JR	11	0	33	19	90	7.82
Micky Penatior, Northern Ariz.	SR	11	0	32	18	86	7.82
Bjorn Nittmo, Appalachian St.	SR	11	0	32	18	78	7.80
Lewis Tillman, Jackson St.	SR	10	0	32	15	77	7.70
Thayne Doyle, Idaho	FR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Fine Unga, Weber St.	SR	10	0	28	15	73	7.30
Rich Friedenburg, Pennsylvania	SR	11	13	2	0	80	7.27
Philip Ng, Lafayette	JR	10	12	0	0	72	7.20
Judd Garrett, Princeton	SR	10	12	0	0	72	7.20
Scott Malaga, Cornell	SR	11	0	0	0	72	7.20

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds/g
Eroy Harris, Eastern Ky.	JR	10	277	1543	5.6	21	154.30
Lewis Tillman, Jackson St.	SR	10	256	1384	5.4	13	138.80
Reggie Barnes, Delaware St.	SR	10	233	1336	5.7	5	133.60
Joe Arnold, Western Ky.	SR	11	244	1461	6.0	12	132.82
Fred Killings, Howard	SR	11	236	1452	6.2	7	132.00
Charvez Fogar, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	298	1284	4.3	12	116.73
Harold Scott, Northeastern	JR	11	238	1282	5.4	9	116.55
Bryan Keys, Pennsylvania	JR	10	248	1165	4.7	14	116.50
Fine Unga, Weber St.	SR	11	233	1266	5.4	13	115.09
Tom Costello, Lafayette	FR	10	210	1132	5.4	10	113.20
Gene Brown, Citadel	SR	9	152	1006	6.6	13	111.78
Scott Malaga, Cornell	SO	10	256	1097	4.3	12	107.91
Joe Segreti, Holy Cross	JR	11	244	1187	4.9	16	107.70
Ron Darby, Marshall	JR	11	247	1128	4.6	16	102.55
Adrian Johnson, Citadel	JR	11	231	1085	4.7	7	98.64
La Von Worley, Northern Ariz.	FR	11	206	1052	5.1	9	95.64
Tori Vactor, Indiana St.	JR	10	190	940	4.9	7	94.00
Judd Garrett, Princeton	SR	9	194	844	4.4	12	93.78
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	SR	11	213	1002	4.7	11	91.09
George Bothe, Connecticut	JR	9	203	817	4.0	8	90.78
Brad Baxter, Alabama St.	SR	11	225	993	4.4	10	90.27
Jamie Townsend, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	159	975	6.1	5	88.64
Tim Lester, Eastern Ky.	FR	11	0	0	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	f/g	pct	f/g
Chris Lutz, Princeton	SO	10	24	19	.792	1.90
Chuck Rawlinson, S.F. Austin St.	FR	10	25	19	.760	1.90
Micky Penatior, Northern Ariz.	JR	11	25	19	.760	1.73
Keith Chapman, North Texas	SR	11	27	19	.704	1.73
Bjorn Nittmo, Appalachian St.	SR	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Rob Courier, Richmond	SO	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Dewey Klein, Marshall	FR	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Kirk Duce, Montana	FR	11	26	17	.654	1.55
Thayne Doyle, Idaho	FR	10	20	15	.750	1.50
Rich Friedenburg, Pennsylvania	SO	10	23	15	.652	1.50
Dennis Waters, Tenn.-Chatt.	JR	11	22	16	.727	1.45
Steve Christie, William & Mary	JR	11	23	15	.652	1.36
Matt Stover, Louisiana Tech	JR	11	23	15	.652	1.36
Dan Maher, Western Ky.	SR	11	22	14	.636	1.27

RECEIVING

	cl	g	no	yds	td	no/g
Glenn Antrum, Connecticut	SR	11	77	1130	7	7.00
Daren Altieri, Boston U.	SO	11	76	743	4	6.91
Mark Stock, Va. Military	SR	11	74	1161	9	6.73
Judd Garrett, Princeton	JR	10	66	634	5	6.60
Steve Kenney, Boston U.	JR	11	71	777	4	6.45
Curtis Olds, New Hampshire	SR	11	69	1034	8	6.27
Mike Barber, Marshall	SR	11	67	1103	6	6.09
John Gorman, Lehigh	SR	11	65	1048	13	5.91
Philip Ng, Lafayette	SR	10	57	655	4	5.70
Mark Rockellier, Princeton	SR	10	54	882	9	5.36
Shawn Collins, Northern Ariz.	SR	11	59	1098	10	5.30
Tony Logan, Nevada-Reno	SR	10	53	891	6	5.30
Craig Morton, Dartmouth	SR	9	47	367	4	5.20
Jerome Williams, Morehead St.	SR	10	52	1065	10	5.18
Mike Smith, Towson St.	SR	11	57	1113	9	5.18
Wade Orton, Weber St.	SR	11	57	601	3	5.18
Kyle Sanborn, Colgate	SR	11	56	482	1	5.09
Matt Banbury, New Hampshire	JR	11	54	938	7	4.91
Marcus Camper, North Texas	SR	11	53	888	4	4.82
Rob Varano, Lehigh	JR	11	52	708	2	4.73
Ty Howard, Morehead St.	JR	11	52	1071	7	4.64
Steve Elminger, Indiana St.	JR	11	51	1071	7	4.64
Michael Guerini, Bucknell	SO	10	46	773	6	4.60
John Jake, Idaho	SR	10	46	675	3	4.60

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SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Lafayette	11	420	38.2
Ga. Southern	11	371	33.7
Weber St.	11	360	32.7
Howard	11	357	32.5
Marshall	11	354	32.2
Lehigh	11	351	31.9
Western Ill.	11	344	31.3
Idaho	10	309	30.9
Eastern Ky.	11	338	30.7
Holy Cross	11	334	30.4
Nevada-Reno	11	333	30.3
North Texas	11	330	30.0
Northwestern La.	11	329	29.9
Massachusetts	11	326	29.6
Appalachian St.	11	324	29.5
Maine	11	319	29.0
Liberty	11	316	28.7
Grambling	11	314	28.5
New Hampshire	11	313	28.5
Florida A&M	11	300	27.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Lehigh	11	810	5341	6.6	44	485.55
Lafayette	11	787	5262	6.7	54	478.36
Idaho	10	769	4428	5.8	36	442.80
Weber St.	11	789	4769	6.0	48	433.55
Maine	11	839	4764	5.7	42	433.09
Connecticut	11	864	4597	5.3	40	417.91
Eastern Ky.	11	774	4573	5.9	45	415.73
Nevada-Reno	11	814	4556	5.6	41	409.91
Holy Cross	11	781	4509	5.8	41	408.73
New Hampshire	11	852	4496	5.3	41	407.36
Marshall	11	845	4481	5.3	42	406.64
Howard	11	703	4473	6.4	45	401.91
Massachusetts	11	839	4421	5.3	40	401.55
Northwestern La.	11	775	4417	5.7	41	394.91
Ga. Southern	11	778	4344	5.6	44	394.20
Princeton	10	721	3942	5.5	29	391.27
Northern Ariz.	11	803	4304	5.4	32	390.73
Furman	11	790	4298	5.4	34	390.27
Grambling	11	772	4293	5.6	38	390.27
Harvard	10	734	3865	5.3	25	386.50

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Furman	11	107	9.7
Jackson St.	10	100	10.0
S.F. Austin St.	11	111	10.1
Alabama St.	10	104	10.4
Middle Tenn. St.	11	115	10.5
Western Ky.	11	147	13.4
Cornell	10	137	13.7
Ga. Southern	11	154	14.0
North Texas	11	167	15.2
Alcorn St.	10	154	15.4

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds/g
Eastern Ky.	11	642	3333	5.2	37	303.0
Arkansas St.	11	686	3279	4.8	33	298.1
Citadel	11	641	3204	5.0	34	291.3
Ga. Southern	11	618	3199	5.2	37	290.8
Southwest Mo. St.	10	580	2725	4.7	25	272.5
Northeastern	11	617	2986	4.8	26	271.5
Howard	11	534	2962	5.5	24	269.3
Furman	11	607	2962	4.9	27	269.3
Delaware St.	10	517	2403	4.6	18	240.3
Western Ky.	11	512	2572	5.0	23	233.8
Montana St.	11	579	2380	4.1	19	216.4
Massachusetts	11	574	2378	4.1	26	216.2
Grambling	11	479	2292	4.8	19	208.4
Pennsylvania	10	499	2059	4.1	25	205.9
Lafayette	11	481	2255	4.7	28	205.0
Northern Iowa	11	558	2244	4.0	28	204.0
Jackson St.	10	453	2037	4.5	16	203.7
Southern Ill.	11	583	2239	3.8	18	203.5
Alcorn St.	10	512	2031	4.0	18	203.1
Northwestern La.	11	532	2189	4.1	30	199.0

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds/g
S.F. Austin St.	11	389	919	2.4	9	83.5
Furman	11	407	1017	2.5	5	92.5
Montana	11	444	1076	2.4	11	97.8
Sam Houston St.	11	479	1100	2.3	12	100.0
Ga. Southern	11	418	1114	2.7	9	101.3
Alcorn St.	10	353	1013	2.9	8	101.3
Jackson St.	10	350	1052	3.0	6	105.2
Tennessee St.	11	482	1188	2.5	10	108.0
Eastern Ky.	11	382	1193	3.1	8	108.5
Cornell	10	378	1138	3.0	8	113.8
Nevada-Reno	11	472	1254	2.7	16	114.0
Northern Iowa	11	400	1270	3.2	12	115.5
Holy Cross	11	463	1273	2.7	10	115.7
Maine	11	432	1294	3.0	9	117.6
Boise St.	11	456	1311	2.9	14	119.2
Tenn.-Chatt.	11	452	1344	3.0	13	122.2
Northeast La.	11	448	1361	3.0	16	123.7
Nicholls St.	11	443	1435	3.2	10	130.5
Marshall	11	416	1435	3.4	15	130.5
James Madison	11	479	1441	3.0	10	131.0

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained	fum	int	total	turnovers lost	turnover margin
Arkansas St.	20	18	38	13	5	18
Alabama St.	17	18	35	10	7	17
Princeton	10	15	25	6	3	9
Pennsylvania	19	14	33	10	7	17
Middle Tenn. St.	13	23	36	11	8	19
Western Ill.	16	23	39	10	12	22
New Hampshire	22	25	47	17	16	33

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	alt	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds/g
Lehigh	11	423	254	15	60.0	3631	8.6	21	330.1
Idaho	10	400	222	17	55.5	2895	7.2	19	289.5
New Hampshire	11	466	257	24	54.5	3129	6.0	21	284.5
Boston U	11	523	285	23	51.2	3035	8.3	27	275.9
Weber St.	11	365	187	23	61.8	3007	9.8	26	273.4
Lafayette	11	306	189	13	58.6	2612	7.9	18	261.2
Towson St.	10	331	194	16	55.2	2867	8.1	21	260.6
Marshall	11	355	196	19	55.2	2843	7.2	23	258.5
Western Ill.	11	395	218	12	56.9	2839	6.9	18	258.1
Connecticut	11	412	251	14	57.4	2717	7.2	17	247.0
Northern Ariz.	11	378	217	14	58.8	2709	7.5	16	246.3
Holy Cross	11	359	211	19	58.8	2701	7.4	22	245.5
Maine	11	366	186	15	50.8	2701	7.4	22	245.5
Villanova	11	387	223	22	57.6	2605	8.5	20	236.8
Nevada-Reno	11	308	174	15	56.5	2605	5.9	15	235.9
Morehead St.	11	443	247	18	55.8	2595	7.3	9	231.5
Harvard	10	317	161	12	50.8	2530	8.9	14	230.0
North Texas	11	790	2498	5.4	34	231.5			
Bethune-Cookman	11	384	184	20	47.9	2524	6.6	16	229.5
Idaho St.	11	427	223	20	52.2	2516	5.9	13	228.7

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	alt	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds/g
Middle Tenn. St.	11	251	110	23	43.8	999	4.0	3	111.9
Alabama St.	10	230	91	18	39.6	1119	4.9	3	111.4
Alcorn St.	10	268	94	16	35.1	1141	4.3	8	115.5
Southern-B.R.	11	256	85	21	33.2	1270	5.0	10	118.2
Western Ill.	11	259	101	23	39.0	1300	5.0	6	120.0
Va. Military	11	207	97	8	46.9	1320	6.4	8	122.7
Jackson St.	10	264	88	16	33.3	1227	4.6	7	127.3
McNeese St.	11	250	119	13	47.6	1400	5.6	7	129.6
Tex. Southern	11	225	102	8	45.3	1426	5.3	7	129.8
Florida A&M	11	269	112	18	41.6	1428	5.0	9	131.7
Illinois St.	11	206	117	12	56.8	1449	7.0	4	132.2
Morgan St.	11	200	101	8	50.5	1454	7.3	8	133.1
Yale	10	201	115	9	57.2	1331	6.6	10	135.2
Tennessee St.	11	241	110	6	45.6	1487	6.2	10	138.7
Ga. Southern	11	280	125	17	44.6	1526	5.5	15	139.3
South Caro. St.	11	238	92	8	38.7	1532	6.4	15	140.0
Brown	10	206	119	9	57.8	1400	6.8	10	140.0
Eastern Ill.	11	267	137	17	51.3	1575	5.9	7	143.2
Mississippi Val. St.	11	249	120	14	48.2	1579	6.3	16	143.5

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Offense First Team

Offense	First Team	Second Team
Quarterback	Steve Walsh—Miami	Rodney Peete—Southern Cal
Running back	Barry Sanders—Oklahoma State	Anthony Thompson—Indiana
Running back	Darren Lewis—Texas A&M	Tim Worley—Georgia
Wide receiver	Hart Lee Dykes—Oklahoma State	Erik Affholter—Southern Cal
Wide receiver	Jason Phillips—Houston	Clarkston Hines—Duke
Tight end	Wesley Walls—Mississippi	Marv Cook—Iowa
Tackle	Andy Heck—Notre Dame	Pat Tomberlin—Florida State
Tackle	Tony Mandarich—Michigan State	Rick Phillips—West Virginia
Guard	Anthony Phillips—Oklahoma	Mark Stepnoski—Pittsburgh
Guard	Mike Utley—Washington State	Joe Wolf—Boston College
Center	Jake Young—Nebraska	John Vitale—Michigan
Place-kicker	Kendall Trainor—Arkansas	Chris Jacke—Texas-El Paso

Defense First Team

Defense	First Team	Second Team
End	Broderick Thomas—Nebraska	Bill Hawkins—Miami
End	Frank Stams—Notre Dame	John Roper—Texas A&M
Line	Wayne Martin—Arkansas	Chris Parker—West Virginia
Line	Mark Messner—Michigan	Pat Rabold—Wyoming
Line	Tracy Rocker—Auburn	Odell Haggins—Florida State
Linebacker	Keith DeLong—Tennessee	Maurice Crum—Miami
Linebacker	Mike Stonebreaker—Notre Dame	Quentin Riggins—Auburn
Linebacker	Derrick Thomas—Alabama	Percy Snow—Michigan State
Back	Deion Sanders—Florida State	Steve Atwater—Arkansas
Back	Louis Oliver—Florida	Darryl Henley—UCLA
Back	Markus Paul—Syracuse	Johnny Jackson—Houston
Punter	Keith English—Colorado	Pat Thompson—Brigham Young

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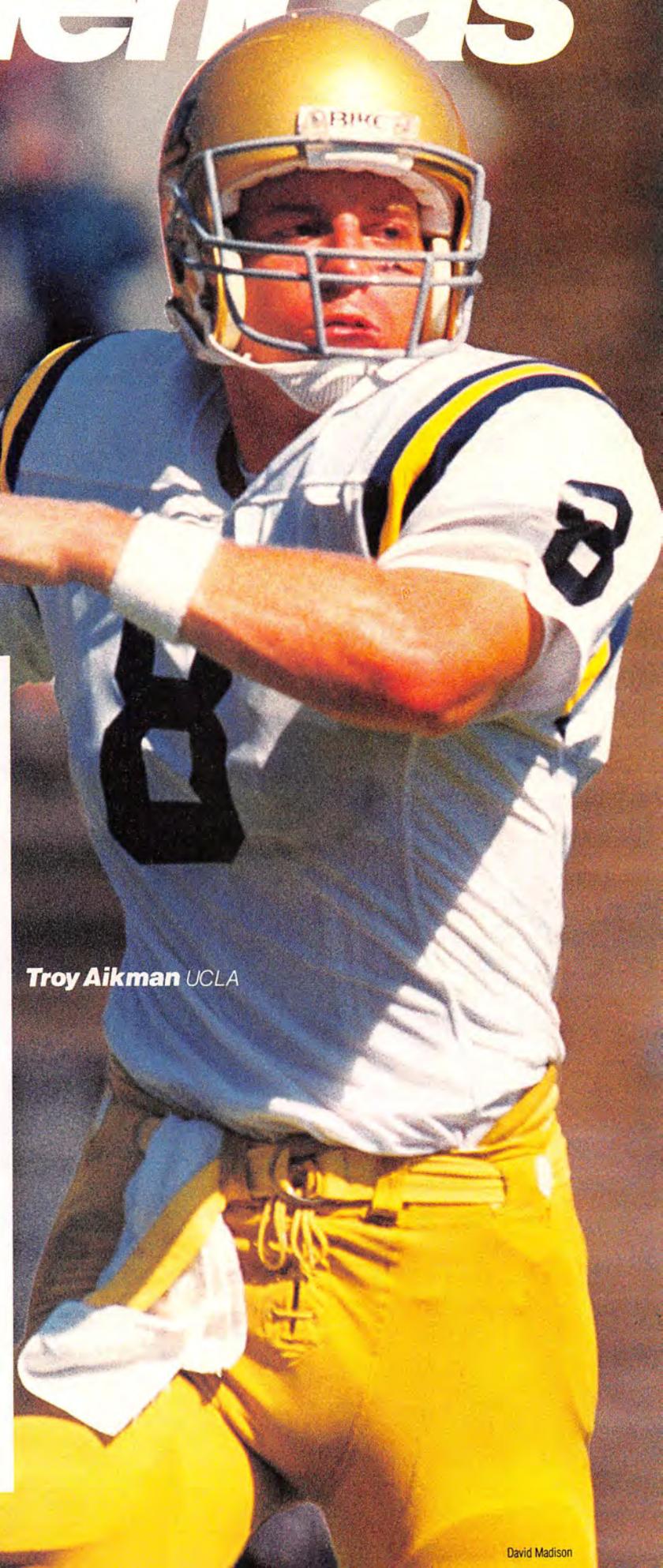
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Troy Aikman UCLA



Leaving Early

Six top players forfeited their final season of college for a shot at pro football.

by LARRY FELSER BUFFALO NEWS

One by one they declared themselves for the National Football League draft. Star after would-be star on the collegiate level renounced his amateur standing in 1989, thereby diminishing the preseason All-America backfields. The players might have constituted a promotional tour gathered by one of the networks to hype the new college season: Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State, quarterbacks Steve Walsh of the University of Miami and Timm Rosenbach of Washington State (who chose the NFL's supplemental draft), and running backs Tim Worley of Georgia, Sammie Smith of Florida State, and Bobby Humphrey of Alabama.

Two decades after "hardship cases" brought underclassmen into pro basketball while they still had college eligibility remaining, the NFL conceded that it is virtually powerless to stem a talent flow of football players. The landmark non-case was that of Sanders. The 1988 Heisman winner was a true junior and a reasonably good student. There were

no loopholes through which he could slip and thus avoid the NFL's long-time rule that barred college kids from joining the league while they still had eligibility remaining.

There were some exceptions. Bernie Kosar forced himself into a Cleveland Browns' uniform by graduating from the University of Miami a year ahead of schedule. That was the same route taken by Brian Bosworth from Oklahoma to the Seattle Seahawks. For some others, like Cris Carter, the Philadelphia Eagles' wide receiver who might have been an All-America had he stayed at Ohio State last

the NFL? It could happen. Even if the league decided to take a stand, all a college player would have to do is align himself with an agent. He would then automatically be declared ineligible by the NCAA. Now that subterfuge is unnecessary.

How wise a course is it to leave college early for a try at the pros? In some cases, it is very wise. Sanders, for example, had nothing to gain from staying at Oklahoma State for a fourth season, especially with the Cowboys on probation. The universal opinion of the scouts is that he is ready to step into a pro lineup.

There were a variety of motivations for the other collegiate stars to leave early for their pro careers. In Tim Worley's case, it was the daily hand-to-hand combat with textbooks. For him it was a losing battle from the start. He already had sat out academic suspensions and last season he frequently missed classes. The indications were that he might have been academically ineligible for 1989.

Sammie Smith already had played parts of four varsity seasons at Florida State. He received an extra year of eligibility when he was injured after two games of his freshman season. His advisers told him he was ready for the NFL. He had his fill of college football.

For all those players who left early, there was a financial incentive. The NFL owners have long discussed implementing a salary scale for rookies, something that probably would reduce wages over the length of a player's pro career. By skipping his last year of eligibility, Timm Rosenbach was sure not to miss out on the big money. For him there was an added reason. Cougar head coach Dennis Erickson ended up leaving Washington State to take the University of Miami job.

Bobby Humphrey had intended to play another year at Alabama, but he changed his mind when he couldn't double the insurance that would have protected him from the long-range effects of injury in his final season of college football.

There have been instances where a football player would have been wiser to leave college early rather than stay for his last year. Exhibit A is Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins' great passer. After his junior year at the University of Pittsburgh, Marino was considered a finished product by the scouts. They raved about his quick release, his maturity, the strength of his arm, and his poise. He had beaten Georgia and Herschel Walker in the last seconds of the 1982 Sugar Bowl and Pitt finished No. 2 in the UPI (coaches') poll. Marino threw 34 touchdown passes and finished fourth in the Heisman balloting.

year, it was a matter of losing all remaining eligibility after signing with an agent.

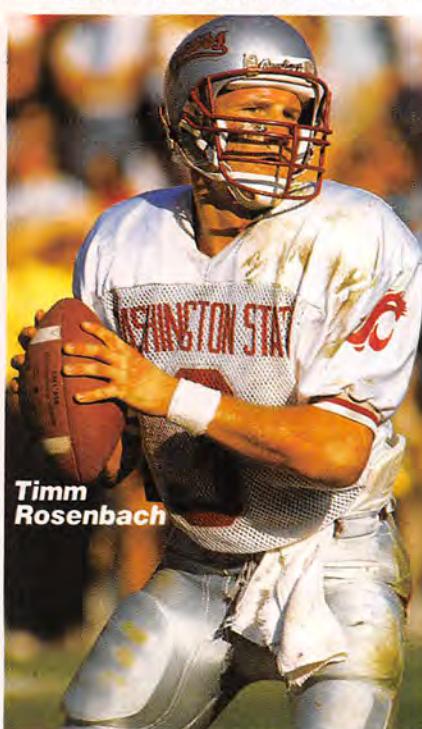
But the Sanders' case was different. Oklahoma State was on probation, which restricted the Cowboys from any TV appearances and bowl game. In addition, the school's athletic authorities, including coach Pat Jones, supported Sanders' decision to turn pro. The NFL quietly conceded. Commissioner Pete Rozelle, in one of his last significant decisions, did not test the Sanders' case in court. Most legal opinions were that the NFL would have been a sure loser.

So what happens now? Will there be a horde of underclassmen looking for work in

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His senior season was a graphic illustration of anticlimax. The Panthers kicked off their schedule with a nationally televised night game against North Carolina in Three Rivers Stadium. It was a horror for Marino. Pitt barely won, 7-6. A scout for an NFL power walked away from the stadium after the game shaking his head. "Marino cost himself a lot of money tonight," he said. Marino kept losing money. Pitt had an underachieving season and Marino was the scapegoat. The scouts began second-guessing their own previous evaluations of him. There were all sorts of rumors and innuendos. By the time the draft came, five quarterbacks were selected higher than Marino. He lasted until the final pick of the first round. But in a case of "the last shall be first," Marino looked like a Hall of Fame candidate from the time of his pro debut. Still, his poor senior season cost him a great deal of money.

Conversely, there have been instances in which an extra season of college football would have improved the skills, as well as the bargaining position, of players who left school early to turn pro. A case in point is Tom Kane, the former Syracuse University wide receiver. After playing in the shadow of Scott Schwedes for two seasons, Kane caught 14

touchdown passes from quarterback Don McPherson, the Heisman runner-up, in 1987. Yet there were pro scouts who questioned whether Kane could play up to that standard on a consistent basis.

Kane surveyed his immediate future. McPherson was graduating and there was no quarterback on the Syracuse horizon. The viability of the Orange passing attack was in doubt. So Kane opted for the pro draft. The Seattle Seahawks picked him in the third round in a year that was filled with very good receivers. With their previous selection, the Seahawks had taken another receiver, Miami's Brian Blades.

As it turned out, the new Syracuse quarterback, Todd Philcox, was the surprise of the season. Not only did he lead his team to victory over LSU in the All-America Bowl, he ended up passing for more touchdowns than McPherson had in his senior year. If he had stayed for his final year of eligibility, Kane might have been such a major part of the 1988 offense that he could have ended up in this year's first round and with a fatter contract.

There are many other cases in which collegians seem to need that extra year. Ickey Woods, a rookie smash for the AFC champion

Cincinnati Bengals last year, did not have a very good junior season at Nevada-Las Vegas. He needed the extra year.

Steve Walsh may fall into a similar category. Despite the quarterback's marvelous record at Miami, there are a number of pro scouts who are unconvinced that he can make an impact in the NFL. For one thing Walsh does not have a particularly strong arm. "The other thing is that some of us wonder whether Walsh's success was due mostly to himself, or whether it was more a combination of Jimmy Johnson's offense and the talent Walsh played with," said one scout. "He may have been better off staying in school, proving himself without Johnson, and maybe even winning the Heisman."

Mike Brown, the Bengals' assistant general manager, doesn't consider the Woods' case the definitive argument about the need for a football player to exhaust his eligibility, however. "Some do need the fourth year, some don't," said Brown. "I think there is a stronger argument for staying in school if you focus on education, not just football. But the colleges, in most cases, want the football player to stay with them for five years. In a sense, that can be looked upon as exploitative."

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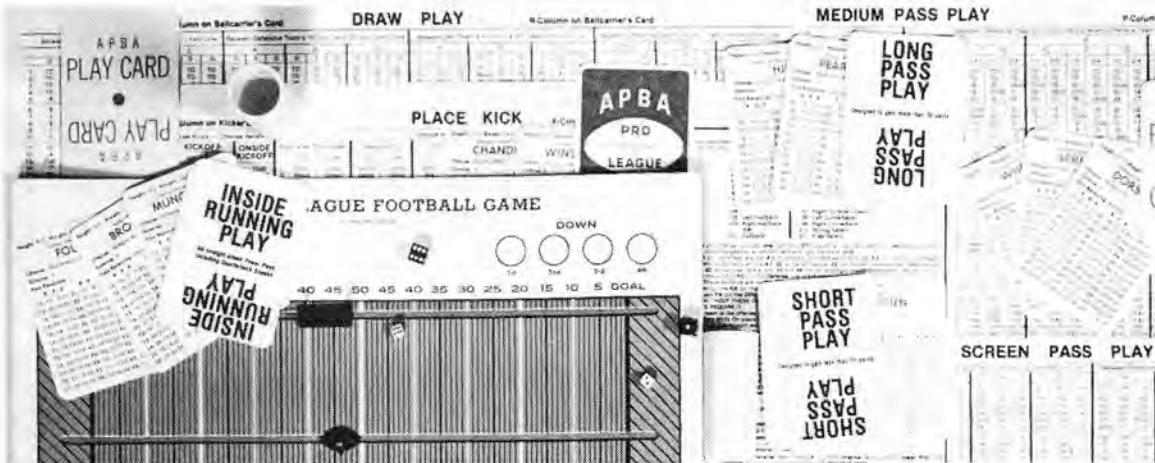
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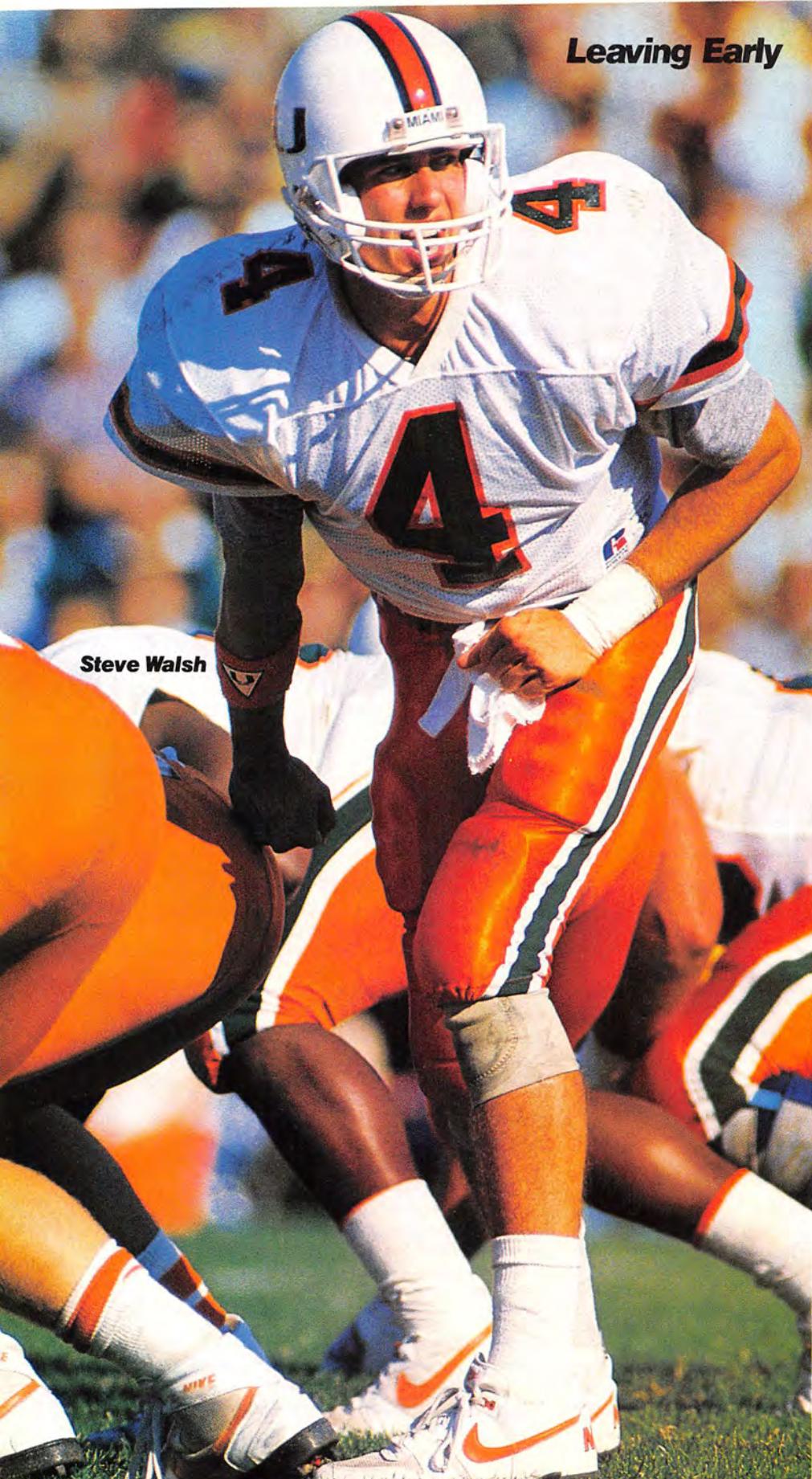
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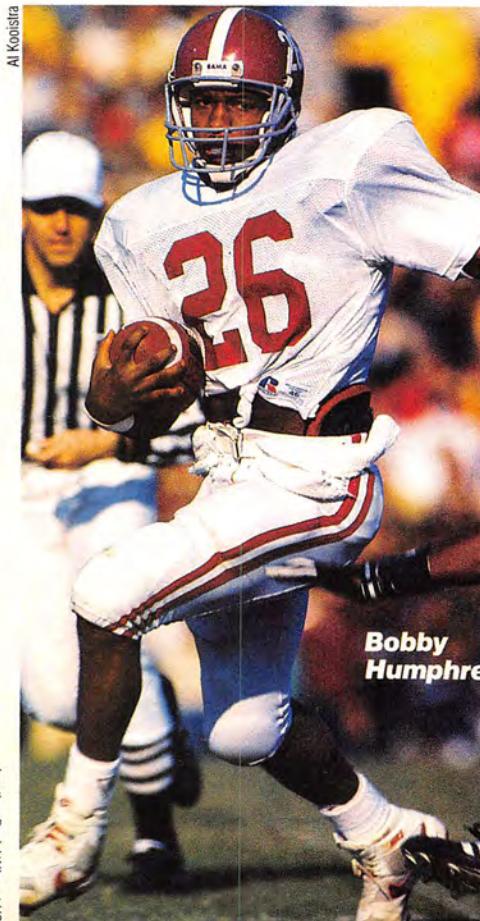


Steve Walsh

For some college players, particularly offensive linemen, playing an extra year, even after they graduate, can allow them to hone football skills that are useful in the pros. For instance, All-America tackle Jim Dombrowski was an accomplished run blocker when he graduated from Virginia with a degree in microbiology, but it was obvious that he would go much higher in the draft if he improved his pass-blocking technique. So he played his final season as a graduate student, polishing his skills against opponents like Bruce Smith of Virginia Tech. The next spring, Dombrowski was the first lineman taken in the draft.

Basketball players look upon the new fuss in football with amusement. This has been going on in their sport for many years. Some of the best pros in the NBA, including Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers and Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls, left school early and thrived. There are cases of underclassmen, relative failures in the NBA, who might have benefited from more college basketball, or at least more college. Pearl Washington and Walter Berry are among the recent examples. But it is difficult to compare the two sports. For one thing, basketball players participate in their game year-round. They become polished far quicker than most footballers. On the other hand, there are far more jobs available to rookies in the NFL each year than there are in the NBA.

College football coaches may be confronted with the toughest difference of all if Barry Sanders is followed into the pros by a flood of underclassmen: Football players take much longer to develop than basketball players. □



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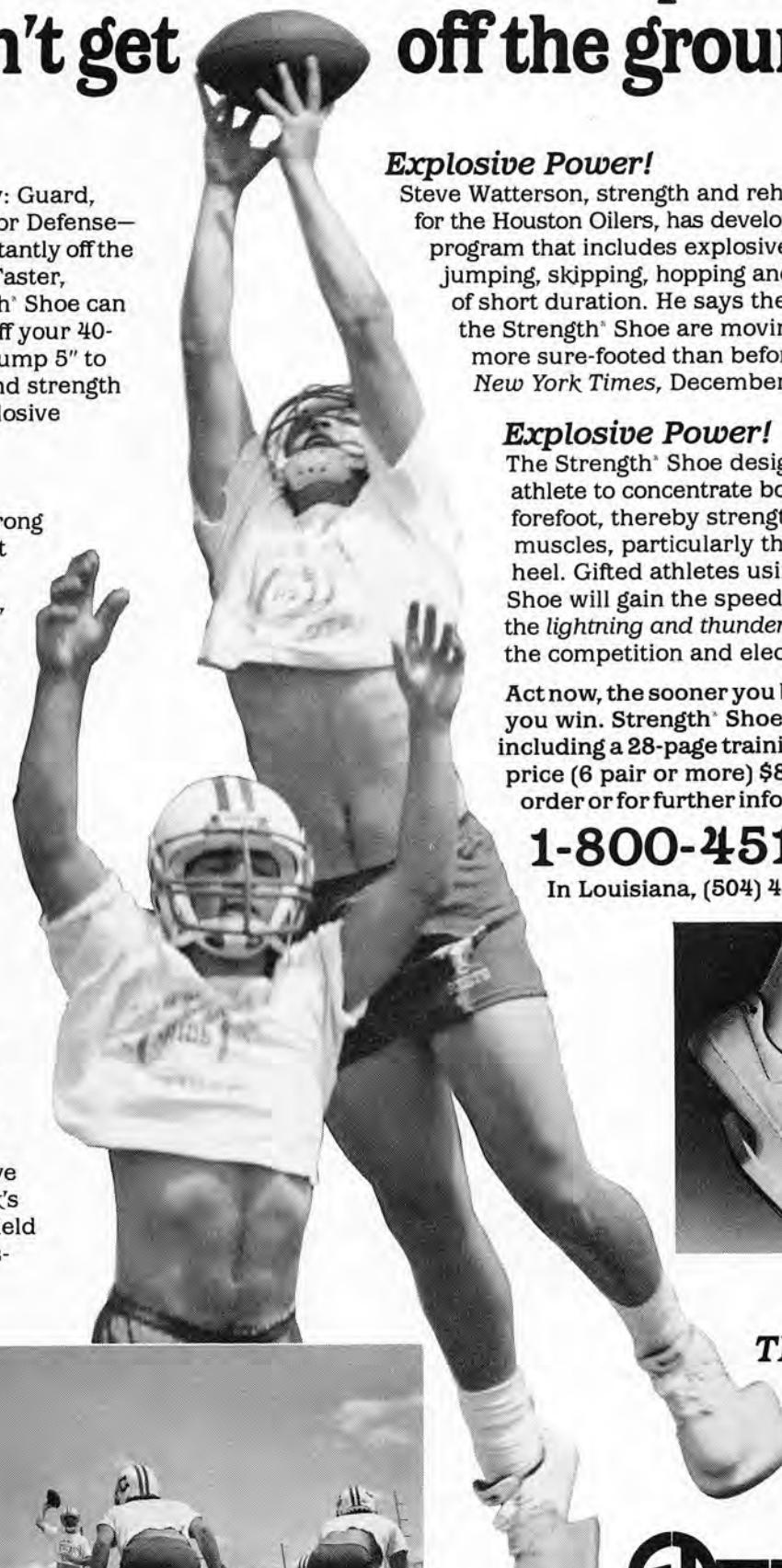
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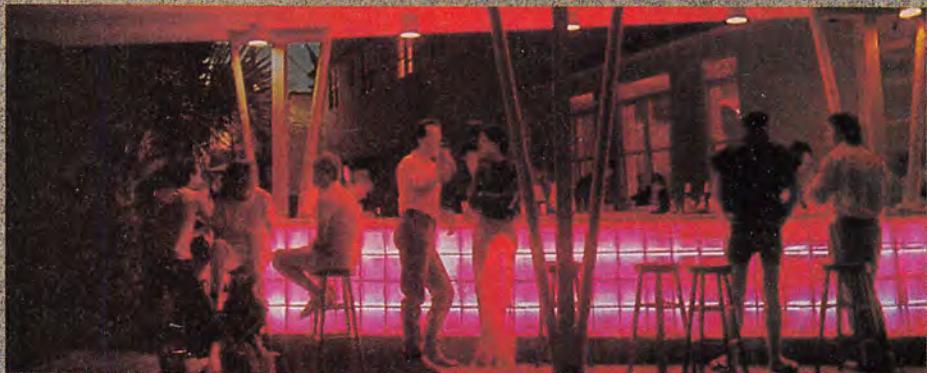
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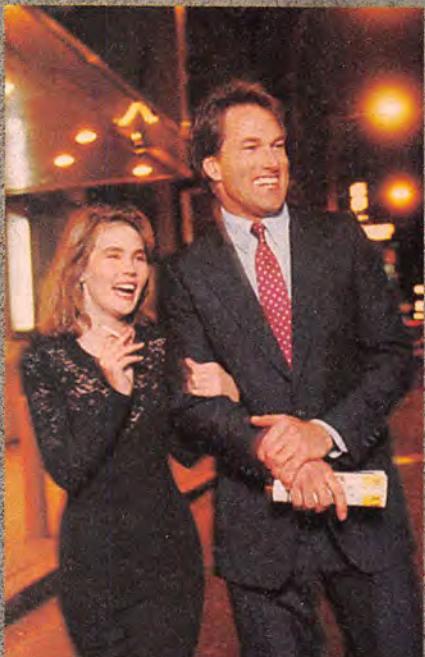
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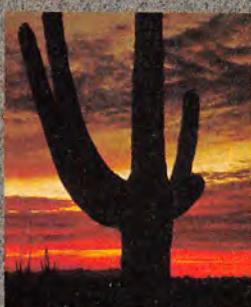
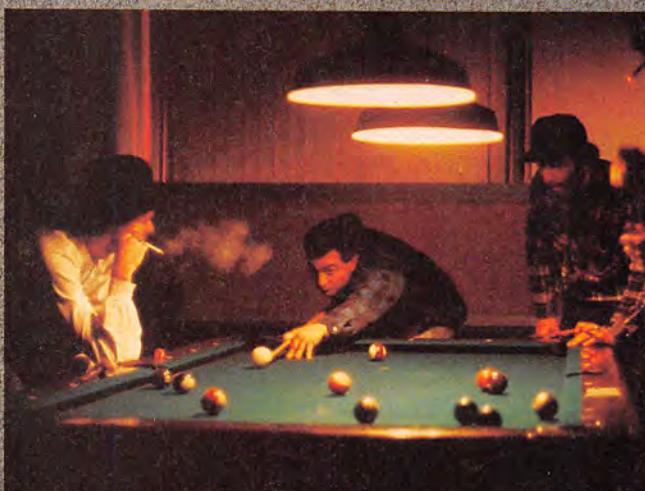
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ABILENE CHRISTIAN Abilene, TX	
S. 2 Northern Arizona	13-34
S. 9 North Texas *	21-17
S.23 Alcorn State	24-23
O. 7 Central State +	21-49
O.14 Angelo State *	10-14
O.21 Cameron +	24-39
O.28 East Texas State	23-66
N. 4 Texas A&I +	51-37
N.11 West Texas State *	

Coach: John Payne • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-3, L-7

AIR FORCE ACADEMY Colorado Springs, CO	
S. 2 San Diego State +	36-39
S.10 Wyoming +	45-48
S.16 Northwestern	62-27
S.23 Texas-El Paso +	24-31
S.30 Colorado State	29-23
O. 7 Navy	34-24
O.14 Notre Dame +	13-41
O.21 Texas Christian	15-28
N. 4 Army +	31-49
N.11 Brigham Young	56-49
N.25 Utah	14-19
D. 9 Hawaii	

Coach: Fisher DeBerry • Colors: Blue & Silver
Nickname: Falcons • 1988 Record: W-5, L-7

AKRON Akron, OH	
S. 2 Virginia Tech	12-32
S. 9 Kent State + *	16-27
S.16 Central Michigan	33-7
S.23 Youngstown State	
S.30 Bowling Green	
O. 7 Louisiana Tech +	
O.14 Eastern Illinois	
O.21 Murray State	
O.28 Cincinnati +	
N. 4 Northern Arizona +	
N.11 Tennessee	

Coach: Gerry Faust • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

ALABAMA Tuscaloosa, AL	
S.16 Memphis State #	
S.23 Kentucky +	31-27
S.30 Vanderbilt *	44-10
O. 7 Mississippi @	12-22
O.14 Southwestern Louisiana +	17-0
O.21 Tennessee #	28-20
O.28 Penn State	8-3
N. 4 Mississippi State + #	53-34
N.11 Louisiana State *	18-19
N.18 Southern Mississippi +	
D. 2 Auburn	10-15
# At Birmingham, AL	
@ At Jackson, MS	

Coach: Bill Curry • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide • 1988 Record: W-9, L-3

ALABAMA STATE Montgomery, AL	
S. 9 Southern * @	12-20
S.16 Alcorn State + *	29-6
S.23 Texas Southern	20-6
S.30 Florida A&M *	
O. 7 Jackson State	7-21
O.14 Albany State + *	16-10
O.21 Prairie View A&M + *	45-7
O.28 Alabama A&M #	7-0
N. 4 Grambling + *	0-34
N.11 Miss Valley State %	23-0
N.23 Tuskegee +	17-0
@ At Mobile, AL	
# At Birmingham, AL	
% At Meriden, MS	

Coach: Houston Markham • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1988 Record: W-7, L-3

APPALACHIAN STATE Boone, NC	
S. 2 Gardner-Webb +	39-10
S. 9 Wake Forest *	34-34
S.16 Citadel	38-14
S.23 James Madison +	17-14
S.30 East Tennessee State	51-3
O. 7 VMI +	34-20
O.14 Furman	9-24
O.28 UT-Chattanooga +	24-28
N. 4 Marshall +	27-30
N.11 Catawba +	
N.18 Western Carolina	42-21

Coach: Jerry Vandagriff • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Rams • 1988 Record: W-6, L-4

ARIZONA Tucson, AZ	
S. 2 Stanford + *	
S. 9 Texas Tech *	35-19
S.16 Oklahoma + *	10-28
S.23 Washington + *	16-13
S.30 Oregon	41-27
O.14 UCLA + *	3-24
O.21 Washington State	45-28
O.28 Pacific + *	
N. 4 California	7-10
N.11 Southern Cal + *	15-38
N.25 Arizona State *	28-18

Coach: Dick Tomey • Colors: Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

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Washington State at BYU 8 PM (ESPN)
aturday, September 9
Miami at Wisconsin 3:30 PM (ABC)
Texas A&M at Washington 3:30 PM (ABC)
unday, September 10
Wyoming at Air Force 8:15 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 16
Notre Dame at Michigan 3:30 PM (ABC)
Saturday, September 23
Ohio State at Southern Cal 3:30 PM (ABC)
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Notre Dame at Purdue 12 Noon (ABC)
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Cornell at Pennsylvania 10:00 AM (ESPN)
West Virginia at Syracuse 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Friday, November 24
Arkansas at Texas A&M 2:30 PM (CBS)
Saturday, November 25
Notre Dame at Miami 6:30 PM (CBS)
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ARIZONA STATE Tempe, AZ

S. 9 Kansas State +	
S.16 San Jose State +	
S.23 Houston +	
S.30 Missouri +	
O. 7 UCLA	30-24
O.14 Oregon State	30-24
O.21 Oregon +	21-20
O.28 Washington State +	31-28
N. 4 Washington	0-10
N.11 Stanford +	3-24
N.25 Arizona +	18-28

Coach: Larry Mammie • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

ARKANSAS Fayetteville, AR

S.16 Tulsa +	30-26
S.23 Mississippi + #	21-13
S.30 Texas El-Paso @ *	
O. 7 TCU *	53-10
O.14 Texas Tech *	31-10
O.21 Texas +	27-24
O.28 Houston @ *	26-21
N. 4 Rice	21-14
N.11 Baylor +	33-3
N.24 Texas A&M	25-20
D. 2 SMU + @	
# Al Jackson, MS @ Al Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Ken Hattield • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Razorbacks • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

ARKANSAS STATE Jonesboro, AR

S. 9 Memphis State *	7-9
S.16 Mississippi	22-25
S.23 North Texas + *	21-49
S.30 Southern Illinois + *	43-45
O. 7 Lamar *	17-21
O.14 McNeese State +	
O.21 Louisiana Tech +	31-22
O.28 NE Louisiana *	13-16
N. 4 Pittsburg State	
N.11 Illinois State	28-10
N.18 Southwestern Louisiana	38-21

Coach: Larry Lacewell • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Indians • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

ARMY West Point, NY

S.16 Syracuse	
S.23 Wake Forest +	
S.30 Harvard +	
O. 7 Duke	
O.14 Holy Cross +	23-3
O.21 Lafayette +	24-17
O.28 Rutgers +	34-24
N. 4 Air Force	28-15
N.11 Boston College +	24-38
N.18 Colgate +	
D. 9 Navy @	20-15
@ Al East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Jim Young • Colors: Black, Gold & Gray
Nickname: Cadets • 1988 Record: W-9, L-2

AUBURN Auburn, AL

S. 9 Pacific + *	
S.16 Southern Mississippi + *	38-8
S.30 Tennessee	38-6
O. 7 Kentucky	20-10
O.14 LSU +	6-7
O.21 Florida State	
O.28 Mississippi State +	33-0
N. 4 Florida +	16-0
N.11 Louisiana Tech +	
N.18 Georgia	20-10
D. 2 Alabama +	15-10

Coach: Pat Dye • Colors: Burnt Orange & Navy Blue
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN

S. 2 Eastern Illinois + *	0-44
S. 9 Tenn-Martin *	
S.16 Indiana State	
S.23 Southwest Missouri State + *	
S.30 Western Kentucky *	3-28
O. 7 Eastern Kentucky *	10-56
O.21 Middle Tennessee	0-36
O.28 Morehead State +	6-43
N. 4 Tennessee State	16-12
N.11 Tennessee Tech +	10-6
N.18 Murray State	3-19

Coach: Paul Brewster • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Governors • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

BALL STATE Muncie, IN

S. 2 West Virginia	
S. 9 Rutgers	
S.16 Bowling Green	34-10
S.23 Toledo *	13-3
O. 7 Miami (OH) +	45-14
O.14 Kent State	31-20
O.21 Western Michigan +	13-16
O.26 Indiana State @ *	24-10
N. 4 Central Michigan +	27-20
N.11 Eastern Michigan +	12-16
N.18 Ohio University	25-27
@ Indianapolis, IN	

Coach: Paul Schudel • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinals • 1988 Record: W-8, L-7

BAYLOR Waco, TX

S. 9 Oklahoma	
S.16 Georgia	
S.23 Kansas + *	27-14
S.30 Texas Tech + *	6-36
O. 7 Houston	24-27
O.14 SMU	
O.21 Texas A&M +	14-28
O.28 Texas Christian +	14-24
N.11 Arkansas	3-33
N.18 Rice +	20-10
N.25 Texas	17-14

Coach: Grant Teaff • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Bears • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

BETHUNE-COOKMAN Daytona Beach, FL

S. 1 Central Florida *	21-29
S. 9 Morgan State @ *	13-6
S.16 Howard + *	26-41
S.30 Jackson State #	
O. 7 Delaware State	10-9
O.14 South Carolina State + *	17-24
O.28 North Carolina A&T +	38-10
N.11 District of Columbia + *	
N.25 Florida A&M * #	25-0
% Al Orlando, FL	
@ Al Jacksonville, FL # Al Indianapolis, IN	
\$ Al Tampa, FL	

Coach: Larry Little • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

BLOOMSBURG Bloomsburg, PA

S. 2 James Madison	
S. 9 Shippensburg +	21-7
S.16 Lock Haven	17-6
S.23 Kutztown	14-9
S.30 West Chester +	9-24
O. 7 East Stroudsburg	18-7
O.14 Cheyney +	3-0
O.21 Mansfield	9-0
O.28 Millersville +	17-51
N. 4 Indiana (PA)	7-32
N.18 New Haven +	2-26

Coach: Pete Adrian • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Huskies • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

BOISE STATE Boise, ID

S. 9 Stephen F Austin State + *	
S.16 Long Beach State + *	29-10
S.23 Oregon State + *	
S.30 Weber State *	31-27
O. 7 Idaho State + *	31-10
O.14 Northern Arizona + *	24-21
O.21 Montana State + *	7-51
O.28 Montana	31-28
N. 4 Nevada-Reno	40-28
N.11 Eastern Washington +	28-34
N.18 Idaho *	20-26

Coach: Skip Hall • Colors: Blue & Orange
Nickname: Broncos • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill, MA

S. 9 Pittsburgh +	34-31
S.16 Rutgers @	6-17
S.23 Penn State	20-23
S.30 Ohio State	
O. 14 Temple +	28-45
O.21 Navy +	19-59
O.28 West Virginia +	20-45
N. 4 Syracuse	
N.11 Army	38-24
N.18 Louisville +	
N.25 Georgia Tech	
@ Al East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Jack Bicknell • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Eagles • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Boston, MA

S. 9 Delaware +	18-38
S.15 West Chester *	
S.23 Dartmouth	
S.30 Massachusetts +	27-44
O. 7 Richmond	17-20
O.14 William & Mary @	
O.21 Rhode Island +	41-16
O.28 New Hampshire	23-21
N. 4 Maine +	10-30
N.11 Connecticut	20-15
N.18 Ohio Villanova	24-31
@ Al Nortfolk, VA	

Coach: Chris Palmer • Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Terriers • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

BOWIE STATE Bowie, MD

S. 2 Johnson C. Smith +	29-7
S. 9 Hampton +	28-27
S.16 Morgan State +	10-7
S.23 Virginia State	
S.30 Virginia Union *	
O. 7 Norfolk State	
O.14 Elizabeth City State	
O.21 Winston Salem +	14-16
O.28 American International	16-13

Coach: Sanders Shiver • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1988 Record: 8-1

BOWLING GREEN Bowling Green, OH

S. 9 East Carolina *	
S.16 Ball State +	
S.23 Central Michigan +	3-21
S.30 Akron +	
O. 7 Ohio U.	42-0
O.14 Toledo +	5-34
O.21 Eastern Michigan *	3-28
O.28 Miami (OH)	21-21
N. 4 Kent State +	19-31
N.11 Western Michigan	10-37
N.18 Tulsa	

Coach: Moe Ankney

Colors: Burnt Orange & Seal Brown

Nickname: Falcons • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8, T-1

BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT

S. 2 New Mexico *	65-0
S. 7 Washington State + *	
S.16 Navy	
S.30 Utah State	38-3
O. 7 Wyoming +	14-24
O.14 Colorado State	42-7
O.21 Texas-El Paso +	31-27
O.28 Hawaii *	24-23
N. 4 Oregon +	49-31
N.11 Air Force +	28-57
N.18 Utah +	28-57
N.25 San Diego State *	15-27

Coach: LaVell Edwards • Colors: Royal Blue & White

Nickname: Cougars • 1988 Record: W-9, L-4

BROWN Providence, RI

S.16 Yale	24-24
S.23 Colgate	
S.30 Rhode Island +	10-17
O. 7 Princeton +	27-31
O.14 Pennsylvania	0-10
O.21 Cornell +	0-35
O.28 Holy Cross	14-35
N. 4 Harvard +	3-28
N.11 Dartmouth	24-37
N.18 Columbia +	13-31

Coach: John Rosenberg

Colors: Brown, Cardinal & White

Nickname: Bruins, Bears • 1988 Record:

W-0, L-9, T-1

BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA

S.16 Fordham	
S.23 Cornell +	
S.30 Dartmouth +	
O. 7 Towson State *	
O.14 Lehigh +	35-32
O.21 Pennsylvania	35-38
O.28 Columbia	21-7
N. 4 Lafayette +	35-52
N.11 Colgate	13-14
N.18 Holy Cross +	7-38

Coach: Lou Maranzana • Colors: Orange & Blue

Nickname: Bison • 1988 Record: W-3, L-7

CAL-DAVIS Davis, CA

S. 9 Santa Clara + *	21-10
S.16 Nevada-Reno	16-28
S.23 Sacramento State	28-31
S.30 San Francisco State + *	35-0
O. 7 Hayward State + *	30-14
O.14 Sonoma State	42-13
O.21 Northridge State + *	31-13
O.28 Cal Poly-SLO *	21-21
N. 4 Humboldt State + *	26-2
N.11 Chico State	36-13

Coach: Bob Foster • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Cal Ag

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE New Britain, CT

S. 2 Montclair State +	42-18
S. 9 Connecticut	6-40
S.16 Salem (WV)	21-14
S.23 American International +	21-6
S.30 New Haven	28-14
O. 7 Mansfield	24-21
O.14 Springfield +	17-17
O.21 Western Connecticut +	28-14
N. 4 Southern Connecticut +	24-21
N.11 East Stroudsburg	28-14

Coach: Mike McGlinchey • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils • 1988 Record: 5-3-1

CENTRAL MICHIGAN Mt Pleasant, MI

S. 9 Southwestern Louisiana *	27-16
S.16 Akron +	21-3
S.23 Bowling Green	34-17
S.30 Miami (OH)	31-7
O. 7 Kent State +	24-42
O.14 Western Michigan	20-6
O.21 Youngstown State +	20-27
N. 4 Ball State	42-10
N.11 Ohio U +	13-20
N.18 Toledo *	35-19

Coach: Herb Deromedi • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Chippewas • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

CENTRAL STATE Edmond, OK

S. 2 Nebraska-Omaha *	7-31
S. 9 St. Oklahoma State +	8-44
S.16 Mesa College + *	21-35
S.23 Northridge State *	23-24
S.30 East Texas State *	19-11
O. 7 Abilene Christian	27-15
O.14 Texas A&I +	12-10
O.21 Angelo State +	12-10
N. 4 West Texas State *	35-19

Coach: Gary Howard • Colors: Bronze & Blue
Nickname: Bronchos • 1988 Record: W-4, L-5

CHEYNEY Cheyney, PA

S. 2 Delaware State @	22-33
S. 9 Norfolk State *	22-33
S.16 Fort Valley State +	22-33
S.23 Southern Connecticut	22-33
S.30 Mansfield *	22-33
O. 7 Millersville +	22-33
O.14 Bloomsburg	22-33
O.21 Kutztown +	22-33
O.27 West Chester *	22-33
N. 4 East Stroudsburg +	22-33
N.11 Morgan State	22-33
@ At Wilmington, DE	22-33

Coach: Mike Costa • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wolves • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8

CHICO STATE Chico, CA

S. 2 Santa Clara *	16-25
S. 9 Sacramento State *	16-48
S.16 Santa Barbara + *	16-17
S.23 St. Mary's	34-38
O. 7 Southern Connecticut State +	31-7
O.14 Humboldt State +	31-9
O.21 San Francisco State +	31-9
O.28 Hayward State	38-14
N. 4 Sonoma State	10-14
N.11 Cal-Davis + *	13-36

Coach: Gary House • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-3, L-7

CINCINNATI Cincinnati, OH

S. 2 Rutgers +	9-38
S.16 East Carolina +	14-49
S.23 Miami (OH)	34-18
S.30 Louisville	6-21
O. 7 Miami (FL)	3-57
O.14 Memphis State +	13-51
O.21 West Virginia	13-51
O.28 Akron	13-51
N. 4 Kentucky	13-51
N.11 Morehead State + *	13-51
N.18 Northern Illinois +	13-51

Coach: Tim Murphy • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

CITADEL Charleston, SC

S. 9 Wofford + *	14-38
S.16 Appalachian State + *	42-35
S.23 Navy	27-21
S.30 South Carolina State +	20-24
O. 7 Western Carolina +	16-13
O.14 Marshall	10-24
O.21 UT-Chattanooga *	7-21
O.28 East Tenn St *	10-20
N. 4 Samford +	19-42
N.11 VMI	31-13
N.18 Furman +	31-13

Coach: Charlie Taaffe • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

CLARION Clarion, PA

S. 2 American International +	26-48
S. 9 Fairmont State +	25-26
S.16 Ferris State	16-9
S.23 Slippery Rock +	14-38
S.30 Indiana (PA)	10-51
O. 7 Edinboro +	0-35
O.14 West Chester	7-55
O.21 Lock Haven	17-10
O.28 Shippensburg +	8-24
N. 4 California (PA)	13-3

Coach: Gene Sobolewski • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1988 Record: W-3, L-7

CLEMSON Clemson, SC

S. 2 Furman +	23-3
S. 9 Florida State	21-24
S.16 Virginia Tech	40-7
S.23 Maryland +	49-25
S.30 Duke	49-17
O. 7 Virginia +	10-7
O.14 Georgia Tech +	30-13
O.21 NC State +	3-10
O.28 Wake Forest +	*38-21
N. 4 North Carolina	37-14
N.18 South Carolina	29-10

Coach: Danny Ford • Colors: Orange & Purple

Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

COLGATE Hamilton, NY

S. 2 Fordham +	3-28
S. 9 William & Mary	22-33
S.16 Pennsylvania +	22-33
S.23 Brown +	22-33
O. 7 Yale	7-21
O.14 New Hampshire	0-7
O.21 Holy Cross	34-42
O.28 Lafayette	19-24
N. 4 Lehigh +	14-13
N.11 Bucknell +	14-13
N.18 Army	14-13

Coach: Michael Foley • Color: Maroon

Nickname: Red Raiders • 1988 Record: W-2, L-9

COLORADO Boulder, CO

S. 4 Texas + *	27-23
S. 9 Colorado St +	27-23
S.16 Illinois +	27-23
S.30 Washington	27-23
O. 7 Missouri +	45-8
O.14 Iowa State	24-12
O.21 Kansas +	21-9
O.28 Oklahoma	14-17
N. 4 Nebraska	0-7
N.11 Oklahoma St	21-41
N.18 Kansas St	56-14

Coach: Bill McCartney • Colors: Silver, Gold & Black

Nickname: Buffaloes • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

COLORADO STATE Fort Collins, CO

S. 2 Tennessee *	23-27
S. 9 Colorado	23-27
S.16 Fullerton State +	23-27
S.23 Eastern Michigan +	23-27
S.30 Air Force +	23-27
O. 7 New Mexico	23-24
O.14 Brigham Young	7-42
O.21 Hawaii +	23-21
O.28 Utah	7-46
N. 4 Wyoming	14-48
N.11 Texas-El Paso	14-34

Coach: Earle Bruce • Colors: Green & Gold

Nickname: Rams • 1988 Record: W-1, L-10

COLUMBIA New York, NY

S.16 Harvard +	7-41
S.23 Villanova	3-49
S.30 Lafayette	10-24
O. 7 Pennsylvania +	16-13
O.14 Princeton	10-24
O.21 Yale +	10-24
O.28 Bucknell +	7-21
N. 4 Dartmouth +	10-20
N.11 Cornell	19-42
N.18 Brown	31-13

Coach: Ray Tellier

Colors: Columbia Blue & White

Nickname: Lions • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8

CONNECTICUT Storrs, CT

S. 9 Central Connecticut +	20-27
S.16 SMU *	41-0
S.23 New Hampshire +	14-21
S.30 Yale	14-21
O. 7 Villanova	35-14
O.14 Massachusetts +	28-21
O.21 Maine	28-21
O.28 Richmond	35-12
N. 4 Delaware +	21-20
N.11 Boston University +	15-20
N.18 Rhode Island	19-21

Coach: Tom Jackson • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Huskies • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

CORNELL Ithaca, NY

S.23 Bucknell	21-21
O. 7 Lafayette +	21-21
O.14 Harvard +	19-17
O.21 Brown	35-0
O.28 Dartmouth +	24-7
N. 4 Yale	26-0
N.11 Columbia +	42-19
N.18 Princeton	17-26
N.23 Pennsylvania	19-6

Coach: Jack Foulks • Colors: Camelian & White

Nickname: Big Red • 1988 Record: W-7, L-2, T-1

DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH

S.16 Princeton +	24-17
S.23 Boston University +	24-17
S.30 Bucknell	24-17
O. 7 Holy Cross +	3-17
O.14 Yale +	13-22
O.21 Harvard	38-7
O.28 Cornell	7-24
N. 4 Columbia	20-10
N.11 Brown +	37-24
N.18 Pennsylvania	27-33

Coach: Buddy Teevens • Colors: Green & White

Nickname: Big Green • 1988 Record: W-5, L-5

DELAWARE Newark, DE

S. 9 Boston U	38-18
S.16 Rhode Island	17-23
S.23 West Chester +	13-33
S.30 New Hampshire +	38-20
O. 7 William & Mary	38-35
O.14 Villanova +	10-7
O.21 Massachusetts	10-7
O.28 Maine +	31-14
N. 4 Connecticut	20-21
N.11 Richmond +	27-10
N.18 Navy +	3-30

Coach: Harold Raymond • 1988 Record: 7-5

Colors: Royal Blue & Gold

Nickname: Fighin' Blue Hens

DELaware STATE Dover, DE

S. 2 Cheyney State @	7-48
S. 9 Eastern Kentucky +	31-35
S.16 Northeastern	13-22
S.23 Western Illinois	13-22
O. 7 Bethune-Cookman +	9-10
O.14 Florida A&M	31-35
O.21 Morgan State +	21-8
O.28 South Carolina State	28-7
N. 4 North Carolina A&T +	37-7
N.11 Towson State	3-24
N.18 Howard +	28-21
@ Al Wilmington, DE	13-22

Coach: Bill Collick • Colors: Blue & Red

Nickname: Hornets • 1988 Record: W-5, L-5

DELTA STATE Cleveland, MS

S. 9 Southern Arkansas *	31-10
S.16 Nicholls State *	31-27
S.23 North Alabama *	31-26
S.30 UT-Martin +	3-15
O. 7 Jacksonville State	17-24
O.14 Troy State +	24-21
O.21 Livingston	12-11
O.28 West Georgia +	26-33
N. 4 Valdosta State	28-28

EASTERN WASHINGTON Cheney, WA	
S. 9 Nevada-Reno +	12-30
S. 16 Montana State	13-35
S. 23 Montana +	6-30
S. 30 Northern Arizona +	24-34
O. 14 Idaho State +	35-3
O. 21 Idaho	22-31
O. 28 Stephen F. Austin +	10-48
N. 4 Weber State	30-51
N. 11 Boise State	34-28
N. 18 Northern Iowa +	

Coach: Dick Zornes • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Eagles • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8, T-1

EAST STROUDSBURG

East Stroudsburg, PA

S. 9 Southern Conn	19-9
S. 16 Montclair State +	12-14
S. 23 Mansfield +	14-0
S. 30 Millersville *	13-14
O. 7 Bloomsburg +	7-18
O. 14 Kutztown	27-10
O. 21 West Chester +	3-20
O. 28 Lock Haven	5-7
N. 4 Cheyney	3-0
N. 11 Central Conn. State +	21-24

Coach: Dennis Douds • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Warriors • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Johnson City, TN

S. 2 VMI	26-10
S. 9 Middle Tenn. State +	
S. 16 Marshall	14-50
S. 23 Western Carolina +	23-33
S. 30 Appalachian State +	3-51
O. 7 Central Florida *	17-23
O. 14 UT-Chattanooga +	10-33
O. 28 Citadel +	21-48
N. 4 William & Mary	
N. 11 Furman	14-31
N. 18 Samford	

Coach: Don Riley • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

EAST TEXAS STATE Commerce, TX

S. 2 Livingston @	25-14
S. 9 East Central State	22-19
S. 16 NW Louisiana State	13-41
S. 30 Central State +	35-21
O. 7 Texas A&I *	42-35
O. 14 West Texas State +	41-37
O. 21 Eastern New Mexico	28-13
O. 28 Abilene Christian	39-24
N. 4 Angelo State	23-56
N. 12 Cameron *	6-42
(@) At Mobile, AL	

Coach: Eddie Vowell • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lions • 1988 Record: W-8, L-3

EDINBORO Edinboro, PA

S. 9 Liberty	7-17
S. 16 New Haven +	14-30
S. 23 Indiana (PA) +	7-27
S. 30 Kutztown +	22-34
O. 7 Clarion	35-0
O. 14 Lock Haven +	45-7
O. 21 Shippensburg	19-10
O. 28 California (PA) +	23-17
N. 4 Slippery Rock	
N. 11 Youngstown State	14-14

Coach: Tom Hollman • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Fighting Scots • 1988 Record:

W-5, L-4, T-1

ELIZABETH CITY STATE

Elizabeth City, NC

S. 2 Livingstone +	
S. 9 Fayetteville State +	-6-6
A. 16 Winston-Salem *	
S. 23 Norfolk State @	6-20
S. 30 Kentucky State +	
O. 7 Virginia Union	0-48
O. 14 Bowie State +	
O. 21 Virginia State	13-42
O. 28 Hampton	23-44
N. 4 Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
(@) At Norfolk, VA	

Coach: Johnnie Walton • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Vikings • 1988 Record: W-2, L-7, T-1

FAYETTEVILLE STATE Fayetteville, NC	
S. 2 Virginia Union *	
S. 9 Elizabeth City State	6-6
S. 16 Johnson C. Smith *	14-14
S. 23 Hampton *	
S. 30 Winston-Salem +	10-35
O. 7 N.C. Central *	15-26
O. 14 North Carolina A&T +	
S. 21 Savannah State +	6-9
S. 28 District of Columbia +	
N. 4 Livingstone	13-19

Coach: Rudy McDougal • Colors: White & Blue
Nickname: Broncos • 1988 Record: W-0, L-7, T-2

FLORIDA Gainesville, FL

S. 9 Mississippi +	27-15
S. 16 Louisiana Tech +	
S. 23 Memphis State *	11-17
S. 30 Mississippi State @ *	17-0
O. 7 Louisiana State *	19-6
O. 14 Vanderbilt +	9-24
S. 21 New Mexico +	
N. 4 Auburn	0-16
N. 11 Georgia #	3-26
N. 18 Kentucky +	24-19
D. 2 Florida State +	17-52
(@) At Tampa, FL	
# At Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Galen Hall • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Gators • 1988 Record: W-7, L-5

FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee, FL

S. 2 Tuskegee +	
S. 16 Georgia Southern @	14-42
S. 23 Tennessee State #	23-6
S. 30 Alabama State +	
O. 7 North Carolina A&T	58-7
O. 14 Delaware State +	35-31
O. 21 South Carolina State	23-14
O. 28 Morgan State \$	35-14
N. 4 Southern +	45-20
N. 11 Howard	34-17
N. 25 Bethune-Cookman \$	0-25
(@) At Jacksonville, FL	
# At Atlanta, GA	
S. 1 Miami, FL	

Coach: Ken Riley • Colors: Orange & Green
Nickname: Rattlers • 1988 Record: W-7, L-3, T-1

FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee, FL

S. 2 Southern Mississippi @	49-13
S. 9 Clemson +	24-21
S. 16 LSU	
S. 23 Tulane +	48-28
O. 7 Syracuse	
O. 14 Virginia Tech	41-14
O. 21 Auburn +	
O. 28 Miami +	0-31
N. 4 South Carolina +	59-0
N. 18 Memphis State +	
D. 2 Florida	52-17
(@) At Jacksonville, FL	

Coach: Bobby Bowden • Colors: Garnet & Gold
Nickname: Seminoles • 1988 Record: W-11, L-7

FORDHAM Bronx, NY

S. 2 Colgate	
S. 9 Lehigh +	
S. 16 Bucknell +	
O. 7 Davidson	9-3
O. 14 Lafayette	
O. 21 Princeton	
N. 4 Hofstra +	
N. 11 C.W. Post +	51-23

Coach: Larry Glick • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Rams • 1988 Record: W-9, L-2

FRESNO STATE Fresno, CA

S. 2 Utah +	
S. 9 Montana +	
S. 16 Pacific	34-0
S. 23 Long Beach State +	31-3
O. 7 Oregon State +	10-21
O. 14 Utah State	51-10
O. 21 Fullerton State +	23-10
O. 28 Nevada-Las Vegas +	31-14
N. 4 San Jose State +	17-15
N. 11 New Mexico State	41-0
N. 18 New Mexico	68-21

Coach: Jim Sweeney • Colors: Cardinal & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

Coach: Eddie Robinson • Colors: Scarlet & White
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-8, L-3

FULLERTON, CAL STATE Fullerton, CA	
S. 2 Northern Illinois *	
S. 9 Northridge State +	
S. 16 Colorado State	
S. 23 San Diego State *	
S. 30 Nevada-Las Vegas +	20-10
O. 7 Utah State	23-13
O. 14 Pacific	13-10
O. 21 Fresno State *	10-23
N. 4 New Mexico State +	24-3
N. 11 Long Beach State +	22-24
N. 18 San Jose State	58-13

Coach: Gene Murphy • Colors: Blue, Orange & White
Nickname: Titans • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

FURMAN Greenville, NC

S. 2 Clemson	3-23
S. 9 South Carolina State +	38-0
S. 16 Presbyterian +	21-0
S. 30 VMI	31-13
O. 7 Marshall +	10-24
O. 14 Appalachian State +	24-9
O. 21 Wolford +	
O. 28 Western Carolina	31-0
N. 4 UT-Chattanooga +	10-7
N. 11 East Tenn State +	31-14
N. 18 Citadel	30-17

Coach: Jim Satterfield • Colors: Purple & White

Nickname: Paladins • 1988 Record: W-13, L-2

HARVARD Cambridge, MA

S. 2 Columbia	41-7
S. 23 Holy Cross +	20-35
S. 30 Army	
O. 7 Lehigh +	
O. 14 Cornell +	17-19
O. 21 Dartmouth +	7-38
O. 28 Princeton +	8-23
N. 4 Brown	28-3
N. 11 Pennsylvania +	13-52
N. 18 Yale	17-26

Coach: Joe Restic • Colors: Crimson

Nickname: Crimson • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8

HAWAII Honolulu, HI

S. 2 Tulane +	34-31
S. 9 Long Beach State +	22-28
S. 16 Wyoming	48-20
S. 23 Utah +	45-3
S. 30 New Mexico +	32-30
O. 7 San Diego State +	31-23
O. 14 Mississippi	24-42
O. 21 Colorado State	25-42
O. 28 Brigham Young +	23-24
N. 4 Texas-El Paso +	25-42
N. 11 Pacific	25-42
N. 18 Oregon State +	13-3
D. 2 George Washington	19-14

Coach: Bob Wagner • Colors: Green & White

Nickname: Rainbow Warriors • 1988 Record: W-9, L-3

HAYWARD, CAL ST. Hayward, CA

S. 9 St. Mary's	0-17
S. 23 Santa Clara *	20-31
S. 30 Sonoma State +	7-19
O. 7 UC Davis *	14-30
O. 14 Cal Lutheran	6-16
O. 21 UC Santa Barbara	21-7
O. 28 Chico State +	14-38
N. 4 San Francisco State	44-0
N. 11 Humboldt State +	13-14

Coach: Tim Tierney • Colors: Red, Black & White

Nickname: Pioneers • 1988 Record: W-2, L-9

HOLY CROSS Worcester, MA

S. 9 Villanova +	20-28
S. 16 Lafayette	35-20
S. 23 Harvard	
S. 30 Princeton +	30-26
O. 7 Dartmouth +	17-3
O. 14 Army	3-23
O. 21 Colgate +	7-0
O. 28 Brown +	35-14
N. 4 Northeastern +	52-30
N. 11 Lehigh	48-24
N. 18 Bucknell	38-7

Coach: Mark Duffner • Colors: Royal Purple

Nickname: Crusaders • 1988 Record: W-9, L-2

HOUSTON Houston, TX

S. 2 Nevada-Las Vegas *

S. 23 Arizona State *

S. 30 Temple +

O. 7 Baylor +

O. 14 Texas A&M

O. 21 SMU +

O. 28 Arkansas * @

HOWARD Washington, DC

S. 2 UDC +	49-0
S. 9 Grambling "G"	35-20
S.16 Bethune-Cookman	41-26
S.23 South Carolina State +	13-21
O.14 Virginia State +	34-21
O.21 North Carolina A&T	37-8
O.28 Morehouse College +	47-21
N. 4 Morgan State	35-13
N.11 Florida A&M +	17-34
N.18 Delaware State	21-28
(@ At East Rutherford, NJ)	

Coach: Steve Wilson • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Bison • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

HUMBOLDT STATE Arcata, CA

S. 9 UC Santa Barbara	21-31
S.16 Cal Poly SLO	—
S.23 Whittier College +	37-14
S.30 St. Mary's College +	10-36
O. 7 Menlo College +	—
O.14 Chico State	7-31
O.21 Sonoma State +	38-18
O.28 San Francisco State +	14-30
N. 4 UC Davis	2-26
N.11 Hayward State	14-13

Coach: Mike Dolby • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6

IDAHO Moscow, ID

S. 2 Washington State	—
S. 9 Portland State *	27-18
S.16 Sacramento State + *	—
S.23 Weber State *	27-24
S.30 Montana +	17-26
O. 7 Northern Arizona	31-20
O.14 Montana State	41-24
O.21 Eastern Washington +	31-22
O.28 Nevada-Reno +	32-31
N. 4 Idaho State *	41-7
N.18 Boise State + *	26-20

Coach: John L. Smith • Colors: Silver & Gold
Nickname: Vandals • 1988 Record: W-11, L-2

IDaho STATE Pocatello, ID

S. 9 Northern Colorado	—
S.16 Southern Utah State + *	—
S.23 Nevada-Reno	13-50
S.30 Montana State + *	37-45
O. 7 Boise State *	10-31
O.14 Eastern Washington	3-35
O.28 Northern Arizona + *	7-27
N. 4 Idaho *	7-41
N.11 Montana	7-34
N.18 Weber State + *	13-34

Coach: Garth Hall • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Bengals • 1988 Record: W-0, L-11

ILLINOIS Champaign, IL

S. 2 Southern Cal	—
S.16 Colorado	—
S.23 Utah State +	—
O. 7 Ohio State +	31-12
O.14 Purdue	20-0
O.21 Michigan State	21-28
O.28 Wisconsin +	34-6
N. 4 Iowa	—
N.11 Michigan +	9-38
N.18 Indiana +	21-20
N.25 Northwestern	14-9

Coach: John Mackovic • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini • 1988 Record:
W-6, L-5, T-1

ILLINOIS STATE Normal, IL

S. 2 Western Kentucky + *	16-31
S. 9 Central State (OH) + *	—
S.23 East Carolina *	—
S.30 Eastern Illinois *	7-16
O. 7 SW Missouri State	10-21
O.14 Southern Illinois	23-24
O.21 Indiana State +	18-26
O.28 Western Illinois +	10-13
N. 4 Northern Iowa +	7-34
N.11 Arkansas State +	10-28
N.18 Nicholls State *	—

Coach: Jim Heacock • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Redbirds • 1988 Record: W-1, L-10

INDIANA Bloomington, IN

S. 9 Kentucky	36-15
S.16 Missouri +	28-28
S.30 Toledo +	—
O. 7 Northwestern +	48-17
O.14 Ohio State	41-7
O.21 Minnesota +	33-13
O.28 Michigan	6-31
N. 4 Michigan State +	12-38
N.11 Wisconsin	—
N.18 Illinois	20-21
N.25 Purdue +	52-7

Coach: Bill Mallory • Colors: Cream & Crimson
Nickname: Hoosiers • 1988 Record: W-8, L-3, T-1

INDIANA Indiana, PA

S. 9 Luck Haven +	31-17
S.16 Towson State *	24-21
S.23 Edinboro	27-7
S.30 Clarion +	51-10
O.14 Shippensburg +	23-24
O.28 Slippery Rock +	38-0
N. 4 Bloomsburg +	32-7
N.11 Southern Connecticut +	41-14

Coach: Frank Cignetti • Colors: Crimson & Gray
Nickname: Indians • 1988 Record: W-8, L-2

INDIANA STATE Terre Haute, IN

S. 2 Central Missouri State + *	—
S. 9 SW Missouri State *	27-24
S.16 Austin Peay +	—
S.23 Eastern Illinois *	24-12
S.30 Minnesota *	—
O. 7 Youngstown State +	7-25
O.14 Northern Iowa +	24-6
O.21 Illinois State	26-18
O.26 Ball State @ *	10-24
N. 4 Southern Illinois +	7-10
N.11 Western Illinois +	21-24

Coach: Dennis Raetz • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Sycamores • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

IOWA Iowa City, IA

S.16 Oregon +	—
S.23 Iowa State	10-3
S.30 Tulsa +	—
O. 7 Michigan State +	10-10
O.14 Wisconsin	31-6
O.21 Michigan +	17-17
O.28 Northwestern	35-10
N. 4 Illinois +	—
N.11 Ohio State	24-24
N.18 Purdue	31-7
N.25 Minnesota +	31-22

Coach: Hayden Fry • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hawkeyes • 1988 Record: W-6, L-4, T-3

IOWA STATE Ames, IA

S. 9 Ohio U. + *	—
S.16 Minnesota +	—
S.23 Iowa +	3-10
S.30 Tulane *	30-13
O. 7 Kansas	42-14
O.14 Colorado +	12-24
O.21 Oklahoma +	7-35
O.28 Nebraska	16-51
N. 4 Kansas State +	16-7
N.11 Missouri	21-3
N.18 Oklahoma State	28-49

Coach: Jim Walden • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Cyclones • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6, T-1

JACKSON STATE Jackson, MS

S. 2 SF Austin + *	—
S. 9 Tennessee State + *	26-26
S.16 Prairie View	33-7
S.23 Miss Valley State +	35-14
S.30 Bethune Cookman @	—
O. 7 Alabama State + *	21-7
O.14 Southern + *	23-3
O.21 Grambling + %	24-17
N. 4 Texas Southern *	26-0
N.11 Northwest Louisiana *	21-16
N.18 Alcorn State + *	7-0

Coach: W.C. Gordon • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-8, L-1, T-2

JACKSONVILLE STATE Jacksonville, AL

S. 2 Samford	34-6
S. 9 Alabama A&M + *	24-14
S.16 West Georgia *	30-0
S.23 Valdosta State +	31-21
S.30 Mississippi Coll.	10-0
O. 7 Delta State +	24-17
O.14 North Alabama	38-3
O.21 UT-Martin +	24-31
N. 4 Troy State *	31-3
N.11 Livingston +	45-10

Coach: Bill Burgess • Colors:
Nickname: Gamecocks • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

JAMES MADISON Harrisonburg, VA

S. 2 Bloomberg + *	—
S. 9 Massachusetts	—
S.16 Richmond + *	25-13
S.23 Appalachian State	14-17
S.30 Liberty	31-28
O. 14 Towson State +	6-34
O.21 VMI +	37-0
O.28 Navy	14-27
N. 4 Georgia Southern +	13-27
N.11 William & Mary	3-10
N.18 Northeastern +	29-13

Coach: Joe Purzycki • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Dukes • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

KENTUCKY Lexington, KY

S. 9 Indiana +	—
S.16 North Carolina +	—
S.23 Alabama *	27-31
O. 7 Auburn + *	10-20
O.14 Rutgers + *	—
O.21 LSU + *	12-15
O.28 Georgia	16-10
N. 4 Cincinnati +	—
N.11 Vanderbilt	14-13
N.18 Florida	19-24
N.25 Tennessee +	24-28

Coach: Jerry Claiborne • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

KUTZTOWN Kutztown, PA

S. 9 Lafayette	7-54
S.16 Shippensburg	21-15
S.23 Bloomsburg +	9-14
S.30 Edinboro	34-22
O. 7 West Chester +	13-52
O.14 East Stroudsburg +	10-27
O.21 Cheyney	14-17
O.28 Mansfield +	24-42
N. 4 Millersville	12-59
N.11 Liberty	13-36

Coach: Barry Fetterman • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Golden Bears • 1988 Record: 2-8

LAFAYETTE Easton, PA

S. 9 Angelo State	—
S.16 Texas-El Paso *	—
S.16 West Texas State *	42-21
S.23 Sam Houston State + *	14-16
S.30 Stephen F. Austin + *	14-26
O. 7 Arkansas State + *	21-17
O.14 Alcorn State	35-6
N. 4 SW Texas State	26-27
N.11 SW Louisiana *	—
N.18 McNeese State *	17-18

Coach: Ray Alborn • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Cardinals • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

LEHIGH Bethlehem, PA

S. 9 Fordham	—
S.16 Massachusetts +	—
S.23 Yale	—
S.30 Towson State +	27-22
O. 7 Harvard	—
O.14 Bucknell	32-35
O.21 Northeastern +	26-33
O.28 William & Mary +	6-14
N. 4 Colgate	24-19
N.11 Holy Cross +	24-48
N.18 Lafayette +	45-52

Coach: Hank Small • Colors: Brown & White
Nickname: Engineers • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

LIBERTY Lynchburg, VA

S. 9 Edinboro +	—
S.23 Morehead State *	34-9
S.30 James Madison +	28-31
O. 7 Eastern Illinois +	27-28
O.14 Eastern Michigan *	—
O.21 Towson State +	20-14
O.28 Central Florida *	24-7
N. 4 Youngstown State	29-0
N.11 Kutztown +	36-13
N.18 SW Missouri State +	—

Coach: Sam Rutigliano • Colors: Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Flames • 1988 Record: W-8, L-3

LIVINGSTON Livingston, AL

S. 2 East Texas St. @	14-25
S. 9 Troy State +	14-28
S.16 Elon +	23-21
S.23 Samford + *	20-41
S.30 West Georgia *	0-13
O. 7 Valdosta State +	7-20
O.14 Mississippi College *	10-21
O.21 Delta State +	11-12
O.28 North Alabama *	7-10
N. 4 UT-Martin +	11-41
N.11 Jacksonville State	10-45
@ Al Mobile, AL	

Coach: Sam McCorkle • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-0, L-11

LIVINGSTONE Salisbury, NC

S. 2 Elizabeth City State *	
S. 8 Clark Atlanta	
S.16 Norfolk State +	3-27
S.23 Winston-Salem +	
S.30 Virginia State	0-26
O.14 Johnson C. Smith	6-32
O.20 District of Columbia +	21-8
O.28 N.C. Central	0-47
N. 4 Fayetteville State +	19-13

Coach: William Spencer • Colors: Blue & Black
Nickname: Fighting Bears • 1988 Record: 3-6

LOCK HAVEN Lock Haven, PA

S. 2 Tennessee Tech *	
S. 9 Indiana (PA)	17-31
S.16 Bloomsburg +	6-17
S.23 California (PA) +	28-29
S.30 Slippery Rock	21-21
O. 7 Maine	
O.14 Edinboro	7-45
O.21 Clarion +	10-17
O.28 East Stroudsburg +	7-6
N. 4 Shippensburg	10-24
N.11 Mansfield	14-14

Coach: Tom Jones • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Bald Eagles • 1988 Record: W-2, L-7, T-2

LONG BEACH STATE Long Beach, CA

S. 2 Northridge State +	
S. 9 Hawaii *	31-34
S.16 Boise State *	10-29
S.23 Fresno State *	3-31
S.30 Pacific *	10-22
O. 7 New Mexico State +	21-16
O.14 San Diego State *	
O.21 San Jose State +	34-13
O.28 Oregon	0-49
N. 4 Nevada-Las Vegas	41-42
N.11 Fullerton State	24-22
N.25 Utah State +	24-31

Coach: Larry Reisbig • Colors: Brown & Gold
Nickname: 49ers • 1988 Record: W-3, L-9

LOUISIANA STATE Baton Rouge, LA

S. 2 Texas A&M	27-0
S.16 Florida State +*	
S.30 Ohio U. +	
O. 7 Florida +*	6-19
O.14 Auburn	7-6
O.21 Kentucky *	15-12
O.28 Tennessee +*	34-9
N. 4 Mississippi	31-20
N.11 Alabama +*	19-18
N.18 Mississippi State +	20-3
N.25 Tulane *	44-14

Coach: Mike Archer • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

LOUISIANA TECH Ruston, LA

S. 2 SW Louisiana *	19-16
S. 9 Western Michigan	
S.16 Florida	
S.30 East Carolina	
O. 7 Akron	
O.14 Northern Illinois +	
O.21 Arkansas State *	22-31
O.28 Tulsa +	
N. 4 NE Louisiana +	23-0
N.11 Auburn	

Coach: Joe Raymond Peace • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY

S. 2 Wyoming	9-44
S. 9 Kansas	
S.23 West Virginia +	
S.30 Cincinnati +	21-6
O.14 Southern Miss. +	23-30
O.21 Tulsa	9-3
O.28 Virginia	30-28
N. 4 Western Kentucky +	35-17
N.11 Memphis State	29-18
N.18 Boston College	
O. 3 Syracuse @	
@ Al Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger
Colors: Red, White & Black
Nickname: Cardinals • 1988 Record: W-8, L-3

MAINE Orono, ME

S. 2 Youngstown State +	
S. 9 New Hampshire	23-44
S.16 Villanova +	20-17
S.23 Massachusetts +	42-45
S.30 Richmond +	17-3
O. 7 Lock Haven +	
O.14 Rhode Island	28-14
O.21 Connecticut +	21-28
O.28 Delaware	14-31
N. 4 Boston U.	30-10
N.11 Northeastern	43-20

Coach: Tom Lichtenberg • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Black Bears • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

MANSFIELD Mansfield, PA

S. 2 Lycoming	
S. 9 Brockport State	28-14
S.16 California (PA)	27-25
S.23 East Stroudsburg	0-14
S.30 Cheyney +	17-0
O. 7 Central Conn. State +	
O.14 Millersville	21-34
O.21 Bloomsburg +	0-9
O.28 Kutztown	42-24
N. 4 West Chester +	14-34
N.11 Lock Haven +	14-14

Coach: Tom Elsasser • Colors: Red & Black
Nickname: Mountaineers • 1988 Record: 4-5-2

MARSHALL Huntington, WV

S. 2 Catawba + *	
S. 9 Morehead State + *	30-17
S.16 East Tenn. State +	50-14
S.23 Tenn-Chattanooga *	38-7
O. 7 Furman	24-10
O.14 Citadel +	3-20
O.21 Eastern Kentucky *	34-32
O.28 Virginia Military +	24-20
N. 4 Appalachian State	30-27
N.11 Western Carolina +	52-45
N.18 Georgia Southern	

Coach: George Chaump • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Thundering Herd • 1988 Record: W-11, L-2

MARYLAND College Park, MD

S. 2 NC State *	30-26
S. 9 West Virginia +	24-55
S.16 Western Michigan +	
S.23 Clemson	25-49
S.30 Michigan	
O. 7 Georgia Tech	13-8
O.14 Wake Forest	24-27
O.21 Duke +	34-24
O.28 North Carolina +	41-38
N.11 Penn State + @	10-17
N.18 Virginia +	23-24
@ Al Baltimore, MD	

Coach: Joe Krivak
Colors: Red, White, Black & Gold
Nickname: Terps • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

MASSACHUSETTS Amherst, MA

S. 9 James Madison +	
S.16 Lehigh	
S.23 Maine	45-42
S.30 Boston U.	44-27
O. 7 Rhode Island +	26-7
O.14 Connecticut	14-35
O.21 Delaware +	7-10
O.28 Northeastern	21-6
N. 4 Richmond +	26-16
N.11 Villanova	17-6
N.18 New Hampshire +	64-42

Coach: Jim Reid • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Minutemen • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

MCNEESE STATE Lake Charles, LA

S. 2 Mississippi College + *	6-2
S. 9 Samford + *	
S.16 NE Louisiana *	23-0
S.23 NW Louisiana *	20-25
S.30 Nicholls + *	19-23
O.14 Arkansas State *	
O.21 Stephen F. Austin + *	3-20
O.28 SW Texas + *	24-21
N. 4 North Texas + *	0-37
N.11 Sam Houston	37-0
N.18 Lamar *	18-17

Coach: Sonny Jackson • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Cowboys • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

MEMPHIS STATE Memphis, TN

S. 2 Mississippi + *	6-24
S. 9 Arkansas State + *	9-7
S.16 Alabama @ *	
S.23 Florida + *	17-11
O. 7 Vanderbilt + *	28-9
O.14 Cincinnati	
O.21 Mississippi State *	31-10
O.28 Southern Mississippi +	27-34
N. 4 Tulane *	19-20
N.11 Louisville *	18-29
N.18 Florida State	
@ Al Birmingham, AL	

Coach: Charlie Bailey • Colors: Blue & Gray
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL

S. 9 Wisconsin	23-3
S.16 California +	
S.23 Missouri	55-0
S.30 Michigan State	
O. 7 Cincinnati + *	57-3
O.14 San Jose State +	
S.28 Florida State	31-0
N. 4 East Carolina +	31-7
N.11 Pittsburgh	
N.18 San Diego State +	30-31
N.25 Notre Dame + *	

Coach: Dennis Erickson

Colors: Orange, Green & White

Nickname: Hurricanes • 1988 Record: W-11, L-1

MIAMI Oxford, OH

S. 9 Purdue	
S.16 Michigan State	
S.23 Cincinnati +	18-34
S.30 Central Michigan +	17-34
O. 7 Ball State	14-45
O.14 Ohio University +	21-38
O.21 Toledo	7-20
O.28 Bowling Green +	21-21
N. 4 Eastern Michigan	17-24
N.11 Kent State	11-17
N.18 Western Michigan +	18-41

Coach: Tim Rose • Colors: Red & White

Nickname: Redskins • 1988 Record: W-0, L-10, T-1

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI

S.16 Notre Dame +	17-19
S.23 UCLA	
S.30 Maryland +	62-14
O. 7 Wisconsin +	62-14
O.14 Michigan State	17-3
O.21 Iowa	17-17
O.28 Indiana +	31-6
N. 4 Purdue +	
N.11 Illinois	38-9
N.18 Minnesota	22-7
N.25 Ohio State +	34-31

Coach: Bo Schembechler • Colors: Maize & Blue

Nickname: Wolverines • 1988 Record: W-9, L-2, T-1

MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing, MI

S. 16 Miami (OH) +	
S.23 Notre Dame +	3-20
S.30 Miami (Fla) +	
O. 7 Iowa	10-10
O.14 Michigan +	3-17
O.21 Illinois +	28-21
O.28 Purdue	48-3
N. 4 Indiana	38-12
N.11 Minnesota +	
N.18 Northwestern +	36-3
N.25 Wisconsin	36-0

Coach: George Perles • Colors: Green & White

Nickname: Spartans • 1988 Record: 6-5-1

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Murfreesboro, TN

S. 2 Tennessee State + *	14-7
S. 9 East Tennessee State *	
S.16 Western Kentucky *	13-10
S.23 Georgia Southern	26-10
S.30 UT-Chattanooga + *	
O. 7 North Carolina State *	14-13
O.14 Morehead State	
O.21 Austin Peay +	36-0
O.4 Eastern Kentucky +	14-27
N. 4 Murray State +	22-23
N.11 Tennessee Tech	51-0

@ Al Nashville, TN

Coach: James Donnelly • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Blue Raiders • 19

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Itta Bena, MS

S. 2 Hampton *	24-32
S. 9 Arkansas-Pine Bluff + *	27-20
S.16 Lane + *	7-10
S.23 Jackson State *	14-35
S.30 Southern + *	7-45
O.14 Grambling * @	17-27
O.21 Texas Southern +	24-15
O.28 Prairie View	7-36
N. 4 Alcorn State	3-24
N.11 Alabama State #	0-23
@ Al Shreveport, LA	
# Al Meridian, MS	

Coach: Ken Pettiford • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Delta Devils • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

MISSOURI Columbia, MO

S. 9 Texas Christian +	28-28
S.16 Indiana +	0-55
S.30 Arizona State *	8-45
O. 7 Colorado +	18-26
O.14 Nebraska +	51-21
O.21 Kansas State	21-49
N. 4 Oklahoma	7-16
N.11 Iowa State +	3-21
N.18 Kansas +	55-17

Coach: Bob Stull • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

MONTANA Missoula, MT

S. 2 Eastern New Mexico +	35-6
S. 9 Fresno State *	0-21
S.16 Portland State +	30-6
S.23 Eastern Washington *	26-17
O. 7 Weber State +	41-14
O.14 Nevada-Reno +	3-27
O.21 Northern Arizona	33-26
O.28 Boise State +	28-31
N. 4 Montana State	17-3
N.11 Idaho State +	34-7

Coach: Don Read • Colors: Copper, Silver & Gold
Nickname: Grizzlies • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

MONTANA STATE Bozeman, MT

S. 2 Kansas	
S. 9 Sam Houston State *	35-13
S.16 Eastern Washington +	28-20
S.23 New Mexico Highlands +	17-14
S.30 Idaho State *	24-41
O. 7 Nevada-Reno	51-7
O.14 Idaho +	35-59
O.21 Boise State +	3-17
N. 4 Montana +	17-28
N.11 Northern Arizona *	

Coach: Earle Solomonsen • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

MOREHEAD STATE Morehead, KY

S. 9 Marshall *	17-30
S.16 Kentucky State + *	29-12
S.23 Liberty + *	9-34
S.30 Samford	17-18
O. 7 Murray State	22-29
O.14 Middle Tennessee State +	0-49
O.21 Tennessee State *	14-29
O.28 Austin Peay	43-6
N. 4 Tennessee Tech +	20-3
N.11 Cincinnati *	
N.18 Eastern Kentucky +	17-39

Coach: Bill Baldwin • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Eagles • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

MORGAN STATE Baltimore, MD

S. 2 Norfolk State @	9-35
S. 9 Bethune-Cookman * #	6-13
S.16 Bowie State	7-10
S.23 North Carolina A&T +	21-38
S.30 Youngstown State	
O. 7 South Carolina State +	14-51
O.14 Virginia Union +	10-20
O.21 Delaware State	8-21
O.28 Florida A & M * %	14-35
N. 4 Howard +	13-35
N.11 Cheyney State +	
@ Al Gay, IN	
# Al Jacksonville, FL	
% Al Miami, FL	

Coach: Ed Wyche • Colors: Blue & Orange
Nickname: Golden Bears • 1988 Record: W-1, L-10

MURRAY STATE Murray, KY

S. 2 UT-Martin	24-32
S. 9 Western Kentucky +	30-14
S.16 North Texas *	17-31
S.23 Southern Illinois +	21-28
S.30 Tennessee Tech	13-16
O. 7 Morehead State +	29-22
O.14 Tennessee State @	22-7
O.21 Akron +	
O.28 Eastern Kentucky	24-31
N. 4 Middle Tennessee State	23-22
N.18 Austin Peay +	19-3
@ Al Memphis, TN	

Coach: Mike Mahoney • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Racers • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6

NAVY Annapolis, MD

S.16 Brigham Young +	35-42
S.23 Citadel +	
S.30 North Carolina	24-34
O. 7 Air Force +	6-52
O.14 Pittsburgh	
O.21 Boston College	
O.28 James Madison +	27-14
N. 4 Notre Dame	7-22
N.11 Syracuse +	21-49
N.18 Delaware	30-3
D. 9 Army @	15-20
@ Al East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Elliot Uzelac • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Nickname: Mids, Midshipmen • 1988: W-3, L-8

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE

S. 9 Northern Illinois +	
S.16 Utah +	
S.23 Minnesota *	
S.30 Oregon State +	
O. 7 Kansas State +	48-3
O.14 Missouri	26-18
O.21 Oklahoma State	63-42
O.28 Iowa State +	51-16
N. 4 Colorado	7-0
N.11 Kansas +	63-10
N.18 Oklahoma +	7-3

Coach: Tom Osborne • Colors: Scarlet & Cream

Nickname: Cornhuskers • 1988 Record: W-11, L-2

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Las Vegas, NV

S. 2 Houston + *	
S. 9 Weber State +	
S.23 New Mexico ST + *	28-20
S.30 Fullerton State	10-20
O. 7 Pacific +	30-16
O.21 Northern Illinois	
O.28 Fresno State *	14-31
N. 4 Long Beach State +	42-41
N.11 Nevada-Reno	
N.18 Utah State +	10-17
N.25 San Jose State	0-42

Coach: Wayne Nunnelly • Colors: Scarlet & Gray

Nickname: Rebels • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

NEVADA-RENO Reno, NV

S. 2 Southern Illinois +	
S. 9 Eastern Washington *	30-12
S.16 UC-Davis +	28-16
S.23 Idaho State +	50-13
O. 7 Montana State +	14-17
O.14 Montana	27-3
O.21 Weber State +	31-37
O.28 Idaho	31-32
N. 4 Boise State +	28-40
N.11 Nevada-Las Vegas +	
N.18 Northern Arizona *	31-28

Coach: Chris Ault • Colors: Blue & Silver

Nickname: Wolf Pack • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham, NH

S. 9 Maine +	44-23
S.23 Connecticut	27-20
S.30 Delaware	20-38
O. 7 Northeastern	15-10
O.14 Colgate +	21-7
O.21 Richmond +	17-23
O.28 Boston University +	21-23
N. 4 Villanova	58-7
N.11 Rhode Island +	17-9
N.18 Massachusetts	42-64

Coach: Bill Bowes • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

NEW HAVEN West Haven, CT

S. 9 California (PA) +	35-30
S.16 Edinboro	30-14
S.23 Towson State +	17-31
S.30 Central Conn. State +	14-21
O. 7 Wolford +	
O.14 American International	21-51
O.21 Southern Conn.	32-13
O.27 Springfield *	34-15
N. 4 Virginia Union +	
N.11 Bloomsburg	26-2

Coach: Mark Whipple • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Chargers • 1988 Record: W-7, L-3

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque, NM

S. 2 Brigham Young +	0-65
S. 9 New Mexico State +	36-34
S.16 Texas Tech *	
S.23 Tulsa	
S.30 Hawaii *	3-45
O. 7 Colorado State +	24-23
O.14 Texas-El Paso *	0-37
O.21 Florida	
O.28 Wyoming +	7-55
N. 4 San Diego State *	10-18
N.11 Utah	27-33
N.18 Fresno State +	21-68

Coach: Mike Sheppard • Colors: Cherry & Silver

Nickname: Lobos • 1988 Record: W-2, L-10

NEW MEXICO STATE Las Cruces, NM

S. 2 Oklahoma	
S. 9 New Mexico *	34-36
S.16 Texas-El Paso +	9-42
S.23 Nevada-Las Vegas *	20-28
O. 7 Long Beach State	16-21
O.14 Tulsa	
O.21 Utah State +	20-32
O.28 San Jose State	0-51
N. 4 Fullerton State	3-24
N.11 Fresno State +	0-41
N.18 Pacific +	20-21

Coach: Mike Knoll • Colors: Crimson & White

Nickname: Aggies • 1988 Record: W-1, L-10

NICHOLLS STATE Thibodaux, LA

S. 9 NE Louisiana *	6-22
S.16 Delta State +	7-30
S.23 McNeese State	23-19
S.30 North Carolina A&T	30-6
O. 7 Bowie State +	
O.14 Hampton +	34-27
O.21 Southwest Texas State +	13-10
O.28 Southern *	24-0
N. 4 Northwestern State +	12-27
N.11 Samford +	43-17
N.18 Illinois State +	

Coach: Phil Greco • Colors: Red & Grey

Nickname: Colonels • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

NORFOLK STATE Norfolk, VA

S. 2 Morgan State @	35-9
S. 9 Cheyney + *	
S.16 Livingstone	
S.23 Elizabeth City State	20-6
S.30 North Carolina A&T	30-6
O. 7 Bowie State +	
O.14 Hampton +	34-27
O.21 Virginia Union	28-41
O.28 Southern Conn. +	
N. 4 Virginia State +	27-38
@ Al Gary, IN	

Coach: Willard Bailey • Color: Green & Gold

Nickname: Spartans • 1988 Record: W-5, L-5

NORTH ALABAMA Florence, AL

S. 2 Alabama A&M *	16-17
S. 9 Mississippi College *	35-42
S.23 Delta State +	27-24
S.30 Central Florida +	33-35
O. 7 UT-Martin	14-38
O.14 Jacksonville State +	3-38
O.21 Troy State +	7-30
O.28 Livington +	10-7
N. 4 West Georgia	0-16
N.11 Valdosta State +	28-35

Coach: Bobby Wallace • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Lions • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8

NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill, NC

S. 9 VMI +	
S.16 Kentucky	3-48
S.23 NC State	
S.30 Navy +	
O. 7 Wake Forest +	24-42
O.14 Virginia	24-27
O.21 Georgia Tech	20-17
O.28 Maryland	
N. 4 Clemson +	14-37
N.11 South Carolina +	10-31
N.18 Duke +	29-35

Coach: Mack Brown

Colors: Carolina Blue & White

NORTHERN ARIZONA Flagstaff, AZ

S. 2 Abilene Christian +	
S. 9 Western New Mexico +	
S.16 Weber State *	27-21
S.30 Eastern Washington *	34-24
O. 7 Idaho +	20-31
O.14 Boise State *	21-24
O.21 Montana +	26-33
O.28 Idaho State *	27-7
N. 4 Akron	
N.11 Montana State + *	28-17
N.18 Nevada Reno +	28-31

Coach: Larry Kentera • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

NORTHERN ILLINOIS De Kalb, IL

S. 2 Fullerton State +	
S. 9 Nebraska	
S.23 Kansas State	
S.30 Western Illinois + *	16-6
O. 7 Southern Illinois +	10-9
O.14 Louisiana Tech	
O.21 Nevada-Las Vegas +	
O.28 Temple	
N. 4 SW Louisiana +	0-45
N.11 Toledo +	20-33
N.18 Cincinnati	

Coach: Jerry Pettibone • Colors: Cardinal & Black
Nickname: Huskies • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls, IA

S. 2 Mankato State +	
S.16 Kansas State	
S.23 Ft. Hays State +	
S.30 SW Missouri State	9-26
O. 7 Western Illinois	27-28
O.14 Indiana State	6-24
O.21 Ferris State +	
O.28 Eastern Illinois +	17-15
N. 4 Illinois State	34-7
N.11 Southern Illinois +	24-21
N.18 Eastern Washington +	

Coach: Terry Allen • Colors: Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

CAL ST., NORTHRIDGE Northridge, CA

S. 2 Long Beach State	
S. 9 Fullerton State	
S.16 Sonoma State + *	31-6
S.23 Central State (OK) +	
S.30 Cal Poly-SLO *	7-38
O. 7 Cal Lutheran +	24-21
O.14 Portland State	13-45
O.21 UC-Davis	13-31
O.28 Santa Clara +	27-31
N. 4 Sacramento State	20-40
N.11 Southern Utah +	35-33

Coach: Bob Burt • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Matadors • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

NORTH TEXAS STATE Denton, TX

S. 9 Abilene Christian	
S.16 Murray State +	
S.23 Arkansas State	49-21
S.30 Kansas State	
O. 7 NW Louisiana	17-25
O.14 Stephen F. Austin +	10-17
O.21 Sam Houston State +	24-3
O.28 SMU	
N. 4 McNeese State *	37-0
N.11 SW Texas State +	30-10
N.18 NE Louisiana *	26-23

Coach: Corkey Nelson • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Mean Green, Eagles
1988 Record: W-8, L-3

NORTHWESTERN Evanston, IL

S. 9 Duke	21-31
S.16 Air Force +	27-62
S.23 Rutgers +	
O. 7 Indiana	17-48
O.14 Minnesota +	28-28
O.21 Wisconsin	35-14
O.28 Iowa +	10-35
N. 4 Ohio State +	
N.11 Purdue	28-7
N.18 Michigan State	3-36
N.25 Illinois +	9-14

Coach: Francis Peay • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-2, L-8, T-1

NORTHWESTERN ST. Natchitoches, LA

S. 2 Southwest Missouri St. *	24-8
S. 9 Eastern Illinois *	41-13
S.16 East Texas State +	25-20
S.23 McNeese State +	49-21
S.30 Southwest Texas State *	25-17
O. 7 North Texas +	27-15
O.21 NE Louisiana @ *	28-14
O.28 Sam Houston State	49-14
N. 4 Nicholls State	27-13
N.11 Jackson State +	16-21
N.18 Stephen F. Austin +	20-17

Coach: Sam Goodwin • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Demons • 1988 Record: W-10, L-3

NOTRE DAME Notre Dame, IN

A.31 Virginia @ *	
S.16 Michigan	19-17
S.23 Michigan State +	20-3
S.30 Purdue	52-7
O. 7 Stanford	42-14
O.14 Air Force	41-13
O.21 Southern Cal +	27-10
O.28 Pittsburgh +	30-20
N. 4 Navy +	22-7
N.11 SMU +	21-3
N.18 Penn State	31-30

Coach: Lou Holtz • Colors: Gold & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish • 1988 Record: W-12, L-0

OHIO Athens, OH

S. 2 Toledo *	24-14
S. 9 Iowa State	
S.16 Eastern Michigan +	17-17
S.23 Vanderbilt	
S.30 LSU *	
O. 7 Bowling Green +	0-42
O.14 Miami (OH)	38-21
O.21 Kent State +	21-14
O.28 Western Michigan	16-23
N. 11 Central Michigan	10-42
N.18 Ball State +	27-25

Coach: Cleve Bryant • Colors: Kelly Green & White
Nickname: Bobcats • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6, T-1

OHIO STATE Columbus, OH

S.16 Oklahoma State +	
S.23 Southern Cal	
S.30 Boston College +	
O. 7 Illinois	12-31
O.14 Indiana +	7-41
O.21 Purdue +	26-31
O.28 Minnesota *	13-6
N. 4 Northwestern	
N.11 Iowa +	24-24
N.18 Wisconsin +	34-12
N.25 Michigan	31-34

Coach: John Cooper • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Buckeyes • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6, T-1

OKLAHOMA Norman, OK

S. 2 New Mexico State +	
S. 9 Baylor +	
S.16 Arizona *	28-10
S.23 Kansas	63-14
O. 7 Oklahoma State +	31-28
O.14 Texas @	28-13
O.21 Iowa State	35-7
O.28 Colorado +	17-14
N. 4 Missouri +	16-7
N.11 Kansas State +	70-24
N.18 Nebraska	3-7

Coach: Barry Switzer • Colors: Crimson & Cream
Nickname: Sooners • 1988 Record: W-9, L-3

OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater, OK

S. 9 Tulsa *	56-35
S.16 Ohio State	
S.23 Texas Tech +	45-42
S.30 Wyoming +	
O. 7 Oklahoma	28-31
O.14 Kansas State +	45-27
O.21 Nebraska +	42-63
O.28 Missouri	49-21
N. 4 Kansas	63-24
N.11 Colorado +	41-21
N.18 Iowa State +	49-28

Coach: Pat Jones • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Cowboys • 1988 Record: W-9, L-2

OREGON Eugene, OR

S. 9 California +	
S.16 Iowa	
S.23 Stanford	7-3
S.30 Arizona +	27-41
O. 7 Washington State +	43-28
O.14 Washington	17-14
O.21 Arizona State	20-21
O.28 Long Beach State +	49-0
N. 4 Brigham Young	
N.11 UCLA	6-16
N.18 Oregon State +	10-21

Coach: Rich Brooks • Colors: Green & Yellow
Nickname: Ducks • 1988 Record: W-6, L-6

OREGON STATE Corvallis, OR

S. 9 Stanford +	20-20
S.16 Washington State	27-36
S.23 Boise State *	
S.30 Nebraska	
O. 7 Fresno State *	21-10
O.14 Arizona State +	24-30
O.21 UCLA +	21-38
O.28 California	17-16
N. 4 Southern Cal	20-41
N.11 Washington +	
N.18 Oregon	21-10
N.25 Hawaii *	

Coach: Dave Kraghorne • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Beavers • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6, T-1

PACIFIC Stockton, CA

S. 2 Pittsburgh	
S. 9 Auburn *	
S.16 Fresno State + *	0-34
S.23 San Jose State	17-35
S.30 Long Beach State + *	22-10
O. 7 Nevada-Las Vegas *	16-30
O.14 Fullerton State +	10-13
O.21 San Diego State *	
O.28 Arizona *	
N. 4 Utah State +	20-23
N.11 Hawaii *	
N.18 New Mexico State	21-20

Coach: Walt Harris • Colors: Orange & Black
Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-2, L-9

PENN STATE University Park, PA

S. 9 Virginia +	42-14
S.16 Temple +	45-9
S.23 Boston College +	23-20
S.30 Texas *	
O. 7 Rutgers @	16-21
O.14 Syracuse	10-24
O.28 Alabama +	3-8
N. 4 West Virginia +	30-51
N.11 Maryland #	17-10
N.18 Notre Dame +	3-21
N.25 Pittsburgh	7-14

Coach: Joe Paterno • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Nittany Lions • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6, T-1

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia, PA

S.16 Colgate	32-22
S.23 Lafayette +	31-17
S.30 Kansas	63-14
O. 7 Oklahoma State +	31-28
O.14 Texas @	28-13
O.21 Bucknell +	38-35
O.28 Yale	10-3
N. 4 Princeton +	31-23
N.11 Harvard	52-13
N.18 Dartmouth +	33-27
N.23 Cornell +	6-19

Coach: Gary Steele • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Quakers • 1988 Record: W-9, L-1

PITTTSBURGH Pittsburgh, PA

S. 2 Pacific +	
S. 9 Boston College	31-34
S.23 Syracuse + *	7-24
S.30 West Virginia	10-31
O. 7 Temple	42-7
O.14 Navy +	52-6
O.28 Notre Dame	20-30
N.11 Miami +	
N.18 East Carolina +	
N.25 Penn State +	14-7
D. 2 Rutgers @	20-10

Coach: Mike Gottfried • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Panthers • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

PORTLAND STATE Portland, OR

S. 2 Cameron (OK) + *	18-27
S. 9 Idaho +	
S.16 Montana	21-0
S.23 Texas A&I *	22-29
S.30 Santa Clara *	42-0
O. 7 Cal Poly-SLO *	21-3
O.14 Northridge State +	45-13
O.21 Southern Utah State *	52-24
O.28 Sacramento State +	43-29
N. 4 Western Illinois + *	18-21
N.11 Shippensburg (PA) +	

Coach: Pokey Allen • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Vikings • 1988 Record: W-11, L-3, T-1

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M Prairie View, TX

S. 2 Texas Southern *	13-10
S. 9 SW Texas State *	
S.16 Jackson State +	7-33
S.23 Southern * @	20-14
S.30 Grambling %	14-40
O. 7 Arkansas Pine Bluff *	13-3
O.21 Alabama State *	7-45
O.28 Mississippi Valley State +</td	

RICHMOND Richmond, VA

S. 2 Villanova +	6-45
S. 9 Rhode Island +	10-14
S.16 James Madison *	13-25
S.23 VMI +	14-13
S.30 Maine	3-17
O. 7 Boston U +	20-17
O.21 New Hampshire	23-17
O.28 Connecticut +	12-35
N. 4 Massachusetts	16-26
N.11 Delaware	10-27
N.18 William & Mary	24-19

Coach: Jim Marshall • Colors: Blue & Red
Nickname: Spiders • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

RUTGERS New Brunswick, NJ

S. 2 Cincinnati *	38-9
S. 9 Ball State +	17-6
S.16 Princeton College @	17-6
S.23 Northwestern	
O. 7 Penn State @	21-16
O.14 Kentucky *	
O.21 Syracuse +	20-34
O.28 Army	24-34
N.11 West Virginia	25-35
N.18 Temple	30-35
D. 2 Pittsburgh %	10-20
(@) At East Rutherford, NJ	
% At Dublin, Ireland	

Coach: Dick Anderson • Colors: Scarlet
Nickname: Scarlet Knights • 1988 Record: 5-6

SACRAMENTO, CAL-ST. Sacramento, CA

S. 2 West Texas State *	
S. 9 Chico State + *	48-16
S.16 Idaho *	
S.23 UC-Davis +	31-28
S.30 Southern Utah State + *	17-21
O.14 Santa Clara *	28-14
O.21 Cal Poly-SLO +	30-29
O.28 Portland State *	29-43
N. 4 Northridge State +	40-20

Coach: Bob Mattos • Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1988 Record: W-10, L-3

SAMFORD Birmingham, AL

S. 2 Jacksonville State +	
S. 9 McNeese State *	
S.16 Tennessee Tech +	
S.23 Livingston *	
S.30 Morehead State +	
O. 7 West Georgia +	
O.14 Tenn.-Martin	
O.28 Ga. Southern +	
N. 4 Citadel	
N.11 Nicholls State *	
N.18 East Tenn. State +	

Coach: Terry Bowden • Colors: Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

SAM HOUSTON STATE Huntsville, TX

S. 9 Montana State + *	
S.16 Angelo State *	20-3
S.23 Lamar	16-14
S.30 Texas Southern + *	22-7
O. 7 Nicholls State + *	
O.14 NE Louisiana + *	3-17
O.21 North Texas *	3-24
O.28 Northwestern State +	14-49
N. 4 Stephen F. Austin	10-17
N.11 McNeese State +	0-37
N.18 SW Texas	3-10

Coach: Ron Randleman • Colors: Orange & White
Nickname: Beartails • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

SAN DIEGO STATE San Diego, CA

S. 2 Air Force	39-36
S.16 UCLA + *	6-59
S.23 Fullerton State + *	
S.30 Utah *	20-41
O. 7 Hawaii *	30-32
O.14 Long Beach State + *	
O.21 Pacific + *	
O.28 Texas El-Paso *	7-58
N. 4 New Mexico + *	18-10
N.11 Wyoming + *	27-55
N.18 Miami	
N.25 Brigham Young + *	27-15

Coach: Al Eginbill • Colors: Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Aztecs • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

S. 9 Francisco, CA	
S. 9 Redlands University +	0-35
S.16 Santa Clara + *	6-16
S.30 UC-Davis *	0-35
O. 7 St. Mary's +	0-54
O.14 Menlo College	21-22
O.21 Chico State *	9-31
O.28 Humboldt State *	30-14
N. 4 Hayward State +	0-44
N.11 Sonoma State +	8-34

Coach: Vic Rowen • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Gators • 1988 Record: W-1, L-9

SAN JOSE STATE San Jose, CA

S.16 Arizona State *	
S.23 Pacific +	35-17
S.30 Stanford	12-44
O. 7 California	14-21
O.14 Miami	
O.21 Long Beach State	13-34
O.28 New Mexico State +	51-0
N. 4 Fresno State *	15-17
N.11 Utah State	35-31
N.18 Fullerton State +	13-58
N.25 Nevada-Las Vegas +	42-0

Coach: Claude Gilbert • Colors: Gold, White & Blue
Nickname: Spartans • 1988 Record: W-4, L-8

SANTA CLARA Santa Clara, CA

S. 2 Chico State + *	25-14
S. 9 UC-Davis *	10-21
S.16 San Francisco State *	35-0
S.23 Hayward State + *	31-20
S.30 Portland State + *	0-42
O. 7 Southern Utah State	34-32
O.14 Sacramento State +	14-28
O.21 Cal Lutheran + *	31-7
O.28 Northridge State *	31-27
N. 4 St. Mary's +	24-27
N.11 Cal Poly SLO *	16-13

Coach: Terry Malley • Colors: Red & White
Nickname: Broncos • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

SHIPPENSBURG Shippensburg, PA

S. 2 West Liberty +	7-21
S. 9 Bloomsburg	
S.16 Kutztown +	15-21
S.23 Millersville	17-21
S.30 California (Pa.)	24-14
O. 7 Slippery Rock +	49-10
O.14 Indiana (Pa.)	24-23
O.21 Edinboro +	10-19
O.28 Clarion	24-8
N. 4 Lock Haven +	24-10
N.11 Portland State	

Coach: Joe Bottiglieri • Colors: Red & Blue
Nickname: Red Raiders • 1988 Record: W-6, L-4

SLIPPERY ROCK Slippery Rock, PA

S. 9 Dist. Columbia +	
S.16 Ashland *	3-17
S.23 Clarion	38-14
S.30 Lock Haven +	21-21
O. 7 Shippensburg	10-49
O.14 California (Pa.)	21-20
O.21 Millersville +	34-29
O.28 Indiana (Pa.)	0-38
N. 4 Edinboro +	14-14
N.11 Buffalo +	17-9

Coach: George Mihalik • Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Rockets, the Rock • 1988 Record: W-5, T-2

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

S. 2 Duke + *	
S. 9 Virginia Tech + *	26-24
S.16 West Virginia	
S.23 Georgia Tech + *	0-34
S.30 Georgia	23-10
O. 7 East Carolina +	17-0
O.21 Western Carolina +	38-0
O.28 NC State +	23-7
N. 4 Florida State	0-59
N.11 North Carolina	31-10
N.18 Clemson +	10-29

Coach: Sparky Woods • Colors: Garnet & Black
Nickname: Gamecocks • 1988 Record: W-8, L-4

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

S. 9 Orangeburg, SC	
S. 2 Presbyterian + *	
S. 9 Furman + *	0-38
S.23 Howard	21-13
S.30 Citadel	
O. 7 Morgan State	51-14
O.14 Bethune-Cookman *	24-17
O.21 Florida A&M +	14-23
O.28 Delaware State +	7-28
N. 4 District of Columbia +	
N.11 Grambling *	16-45
N.18 North Carolina A&T +	6-17

Coach: Willie Jeffries • Colors: Garnet & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

S. 9 Los Angeles, CA	
S. 2 Illinois + *	
S. 9 Central Michigan + *	
S.16 Tulane *	51-34
S.23 Rice *	41-16
S.30 NE Louisiana *	
O. 7 Tulsa +	
O.14 Alabama	0-17
O.21 Southern Mississippi	14-27
N. 4 Northern Illinois	45-0
N.11 Lamar +	
N.18 Arkansas State +	21-38

Coach: Nelson Stokley • Colors: Vermilion & White
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

S. 2 Springfield, MO	
S. 2 Northwestern State + *	8-24
S. 9 Indiana State + *	24-27
S.16 Western Illinois *	31-35
S.23 Austin Peay *	
S.30 Northern Iowa +	26-9
O. 7 Illinois State +	21-10
O.14 Western Kentucky *	14-21
O.21 Southern Illinois	28-24
O.28 Alcorn State +	
N.11 Eastern Illinois	41-21
N.18 Liberty	

Coach: Jesse Branch • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Bears • 1988 Record: W-5, L-5

SOUTHWEST TEXAS San Marcos, TX

S. 2 Texas A&I + *	
S. 9 Prairie View A&M + *	
S.23 NE Louisiana + *	27-29
S.30 Northwestern State + *	21-49
O. 7 Stephen F. Austin *	10-27
O.14 Texas Southern *	38-7
O.21 Nicholls State *	10-13
O.28 McNeese State *	21-24
N. 4 Lamar +	27-26
N.11 North Texas	10-30
N.18 Sam Houston State +	10-3

Coach: John O'Hara • Colors: Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Bobcats • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

SPRINGFIELD Springfield, MA

S. 8 Worcester Tech + *	
S.16 American Int'l	49-15
S.23 Albany State (N.Y.) *	
S.30 Ithaca +	0-24
O. 7 Norwich	13-9
O.14 Central Conn. State	17-17
O.21 Cortland State +	3-7
O.27 New Haven + *	15-34
N. 4 LIU-C.W. Post	56-21
N.11 American Int'l +	

Coach: Mike DeLong • Colors: Maroon & White
Nickname: Chiefs • 1988 Record: W-6, L-3, T-1

STANFORD Stanford, CA

S. 2 Arizona *	
S. 9 Oregon State *	20-20
S.23 Oregon +	3-7
S.30 San Jose State +	44-12
O. 7 Notre Dame +	14-42
O.14 Washington State	21-24
O.21 Utah +	
O.28 Southern Cal	20-24
N. 4 UCLA +	17-27
N.11 Arizona State *	24-3
N.18 California +	19-19

Coach: Dennis Green • Colors: Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinals • 1988 Record: W-3, L-6, T-2

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Nacogdoches, TX

S. 2 Jackson State	24-0
S. 9 Boise State	
S.23 Nicholls State	30-7
S.30 Lamar	26-14
O. 7 SW Texas St	27-10
O.14 North Texas	17-10
O.21 McNeese State	20-3
O.28 Eastern Washington	48-10
N. 4 Sam Houston St	17-10
N.11 NE Louisiana	20-3
N.18 Northwestern St	17-20

Coach: Lynn Graves • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1988 Record: W-10, L-3

SYRACUSE Syracuse, NY

S. 9 Temple	31-21
S.16 Army	
S.23 Pittsburgh	24-7
O. 7 Florida St	
O.14 Penn State	24-10
O.21 Rutgers	34-20
O.28 East Carolina	38-14
N. 4 Boston College	45-20
N.11 Navy	49-21
N.23 West Virginia	9-31
N. 3 Louisville	
(@ At Tokyo, Japan)	

Coach: Dick MacPherson • Colors: Orange
Nickname: Orangemen • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

TEMPLE Philadelphia, PA

S. 2 Western Michigan	
S. 9 Syracuse	21-31
S.16 Penn State	9-45
S.23 Virginia Tech	
S.30 Houston	
O. 7 Pittsburgh	7-42
O.14 Boston College	45-28
O.28 Northern Illinois	
N. 4 Georgia	
N.11 East Carolina	17-34
N.18 Rutgers	35-30

Coach: Jerry Berndt • Colors: Cherry & White
Nickname: Owls • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

TENNESSEE Knoxville, TN

S. 2 Colorado St	+
S. 9 UCLA	
S.16 Duke	26-31
S.30 Auburn	6-38
O. 7 Georgia	17-28
O.21 Alabama	20-28
O.28 LSU	
N.11 Akron	9-34
N.18 Mississippi	20-12
N.25 Kentucky	28-24
D. 2 Vanderbilt	14-7
(@ At Birmingham, AL)	

Coach: Johnny Majors • Colors: Orange & White
Nickname: Volunteers • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

UT-CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga, TN

S. 9 Tennessee Tech	41-0
S.16 Western Carolina	19-14
S.23 Marshall	7-38
S.30 Middle Tenn State	
O. 7 Western Kentucky	29-31
O.14 Eastern Tenn State	33-10
O.21 Citadel	17-23
O.28 Appalachian St.	28-24
N. 4 Furman	7-10
N.11 Georgia Southern	3-13
N.18 VMI	+

Coach: Buddy Nix • Colors: Navy Blue, Old Gold
Nickname: Moccasins, Mocs • 1988 Record:
W-4, L-7

UT-MARTIN Martin, TN

S. 2 Murray State	32-24
S. 9 Austin Peay	+
S.16 Valdosta State	13-9
S.23 Mississippi College	21-24
S.30 Delta State	15-3
O. 7 North Alabama	38-14
O.14 Samford	45-13
O.21 Jacksonville State	31-24
O.28 Troy State	27-23
N. 4 Livingston	41-11
N.11 West Georgia	38-12

Coach: Don McLeay
Colors: Royal Blue, Orange & White
Nickname: Pacers • 1988 Record: W-11, L-2

TENNESSEE STATE Nashville, TN

S. 2 Middle Tenn State	7-14
S. 9 Jackson State	26-26
S.15 Central State	
S.23 Florida A&M	6-23
S.30 Eastern Kentucky	+
O. 7 Grambling	33-35
O.14 Murray State	@
O.21 Morehead State	29-14
O.28 Tennessee Tech	27-23
N. 4 Austin Peay	12-16
N.11 Southern	7-10
(@ At Memphis, TN)	

Coach: Joe Gilliam Sr • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville, TN

S. 2 Lock Haven	+
S. 9 UT-Chattanooga	0-41
S.16 Samford	9-19
S.30 Murray State	16-13
O. 14 Eastern Kentucky	7-14
O.21 Western Kentucky	17-20
O.28 Tennessee State	23-27
N. 4 Morehead State	3-20
N.11 Austin Peay	6-10
N.18 Middle Tennessee St	0-51

Coach: Jim Ragland • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1988 Record: 1-10

TEXAS Austin, TX

S. 4 Colorado	
S.23 SMU	
S.30 Penn State	+
O. 7 Rice	20-13
O.14 Oklahoma	@
O.21 Arkansas	24-27
N. 4 Texas Tech	32-33
N.11 Houston	15-66
N.18 TCU	30-21
N.25 Baylor	14-17
D. 2 Texas A&M	24-28
(@ At Dallas, TX)	

Coach: David McWilliams

Colors: Burnt Orange & White

Nickname: Longhorns • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

TEXAS A&I Kingsville, TX

S. 2 SW Texas State	28-41
S. 9 Texas Southern	51-6
S.23 Portland State	29-22
S.30 Cameron	42-0
O. 7 East Texas State	35-42
O.14 Central State (OK)	35-0
O.21 West Texas State	32-7
O.28 Eastern New Mexico	32-18
N. 4 Abilene Christian	66-23
N.11 Angelo State	46-26

Coach: Ron Harms • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Javelinas • 1988 Record: W-10, L-3

TEXAS A&M College Station, TX

S. 2 LSU	0-27
S. 9 Washington	
S.16 TCU	18-0
S.30 Southern Miss	+
O. 7 Texas Tech	50-15
O.14 Houston	30-16
O.21 Baylor	28-14
O.28 Rice	24-10
N. 4 SMU	
N.24 Arkansas	20-25
D. 2 Texas	28-24

Coach: R.C. Slocum • Colors: Maroon & White

Nickname: Aggies • 1988 Record: W-7, L-5

TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth, TX

S. 9 Missouri	
S.16 Texas A&M	0-18
S.23 Southern Miss	+
S.30 SMU	+
O. 7 Arkansas	10-53
O.14 Rice	21-10
O.21 Air Force	
O.28 Baylor	24-14
N. 4 Houston	12-40
N.11 Texas Tech	10-23
N.18 Texas	21-30

Coach: Jim Wacker • Colors: Purple & White

Nickname: Horned Frogs • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

TEXAS-EL PASO El Paso, TX

S. 2 Tulsa	+
S. 9 Lamar	26-26
S.16 New Mexico St	42-9
S.23 Air Force	31-24
S.28 Arkansas	@
O. 7 Utah	38-28
O.14 New Mexico	37-0
O.21 Brigham Young	27-31
O.28 San Diego St	58-7
N. 4 Hawaii	42-25
N.11 Colorado St	34-14
N.18 Wyoming	6-51
(@ At Little Rock, AR)	

Coach: Joe Gilliam Sr • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Miners • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

TEXAS SOUTHERN Houston, TX

S. 2 Prairie View	+
S. 9 UT-Chattanooga	0-41
S.16 Samford	9-19
S.16 Southern-B.R.	16-24
S.23 Alabama St	6-20
S.30 Sam Houston St	7-22
O. 7 Alcorn St	7-28
O.14 Southwest Tex. St	7-38
O.21 Mississippi Val.	15-24
O.28 Grambling	7-49
N. 4 Jackson St	0-26
N.18 Central Fla.	29-30

Coach: Walter Hightower • Colors: Maroon & Gray

Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-0, L-11

TEXAS TECH Lubbock, TX

S. 9 Arizona	+
S.16 New Mexico	+
S.23 Oklahoma St	42-45
S.30 Baylor	36-6
O. 7 Texas-A&M	15-50
O.14 Arkansas	10-31
O.21 Rice	38-36
N. 4 Texas Tech	33-32
N.11 Texas Christian	23-10
N.18 SMU	29-30
N.25 Houston	29-30

Coach: Spike Dykes • Colors: Scarlet & Black

Nickname: Red Raiders • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

TOLEDO Toledo, OH

S. 2 Ohio	+
S.16 Wisconsin	14-24
S.23 Ball State	3-13
S.30 Indiana	
O. 7 Eastern Michigan	19-20
O.14 Bowling Green	34-5
O.21 Miami (OH)	20-7
O.28 Kent State	35-28
N. 4 Western Michigan	9-31
N.11 Northern Illinois	33-20
N.18 Central Michigan	20-13

Coach: Dan Sirello • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Rockets • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

TOWSON STATE Towson, MD

S. 9 Northeastern	45-34
S.16 Indiana (PA)	21-24
S.23 New Haven	31-17
S.30 Lehigh	22-27
O. 7 Bucknell	+
O.14 James Madison	34-6
O.21 Liberty	14-20
N. 4 Rhode Island	
N.11 Delaware St	24-3
N.18 Youngstown St	39-41

Coach: Phil Albert • Colors: Gold & White

Nickname: Tigers • 1988 Record: W-5, L-5

TROY STATE Troy, AL

S. 9 Livingston	28-14
S.16 Central Florida	18-26
S.23 West Georgia	38-3
S.30 Valdosta State	16-21
O. 7 Mississippi College	12-18
O.14 Delta State	21-24
O.21 North Alabama	30-7
O.28 UT-Martin	23-27
N. 4 Jacksonville State	3-31

Coach: Robert Maddox

Colors: Cardinal, Gray & Black

Nickname: Trojans • 1988 Record: W-4, L-6

TULANE New Orleans, LA

S. 2 Hawaii	
S. 9 Rice	+
S.16 SW Louisiana	34-51
S.23 Florida State	28-48
S.30 Iowa State	13-30
O. 7 Southern Mississippi	13-38
O.21 Mississippi	14-9
O.2	

VANDERBILT Nashville, TN

S. 2 Mississippi State *	24-20
S.23 Ohio University +	
S.30 Alabama + *	10-44
O. 7 Memphis State	9-28
O.14 Florida	24-9
O.21 Georgia +	22-41
O.28 Mississippi	28-36
N. 4 Virginia Tech	
N.11 Kentucky +	13-14
N.18 Tulane +	
D. 2 Tennessee	7-14

Coach: Watson Brown • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Commodores • 1988 Record: W-3, L-8

VILLANOVA Villanova, PA

S. 2 Richmond	45-6
S. 9 Holy Cross	
S.16 Maine	17-20
S.23 Columbia +	
O. 7 Connecticut +	21-14
O.14 Delaware	7-10
O.21 William & Mary +	14-14
O.28 Rhode Island @	20-14
N. 4 New Hampshire +	7-58
N.11 Massachusetts +	6-17
N.18 Boston U +	31-24
(@ At Milan, Italy)	

Coach: Andy Talley • Colors: Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

VIRGINIA Charlottesville, VA

A.31 Notre Dame @ *	
S. 9 Penn State	14-42
S.16 Georgia Tech	17-16
S.23 Duke + *	34-38
S.30 William & Mary + *	31-23
O. 7 Clemson	7-10
O.14 North Carolina +	27-24
O.21 Wake Forest +	34-14
O.28 Louisville +	28-30
N. 4 NC State	19-14
N.11 Virginia Tech +	16-10
N.18 Maryland	24-23
(@ At East Rutherford, NJ)	

Coach: George Welsh • Colors: Orange & Blue
Nickname: Cavaliers, Wahoos • 1988 Record:
W-7, L-4

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE Lexington, VA

S. 2 East Tenn. State +	10-26
S. 9 North Carolina	
S.16 William & Mary +	7-30
S.23 Richmond	13-14
S.30 Furman +	13-31
O. 7 Appalachian State +	20-34
O.21 James Madison	0-37
O.28 Marshall	20-24
N. 4 Davidson +	
N.11 Citadel +	20-31
N.18 UT-Chattanooga *	

Coach: Jim Shuck • Colors: Red, White & Yellow
Nickname: Keydets • 1988 Record: W-2, L-9

VIRGINIA STATE Petersburg, VA

S. 2 Kentucky State *	
S. 9 West Va. State +	18-14
S.16 N.C. Central +	
S.23 Stevens State +	
S.30 Livingstone +	26-0
O. 7 Hampton	24-21
O.14 Howard	21-34
O.21 Elizabeth City State +	42-13
O.28 Virginia Union +	14-26
N. 4 Norfolk State	38-27

Coach: George Moody
Colors: Orange & Navy Blue
Nickname: Trojans • 1988 Record: W-7, L-4

VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

S. 2 Akron + *	
S. 9 South Carolina +	24-26
S.19 Clemson +	7-40
S.23 Temple +	
O. 7 West Virginia	10-22
O.14 Florida State +	14-41
O.21 East Carolina	27-16
O.28 Tulane +	10-16
N. 4 Vanderbilt +	
N.11 Virginia	10-16
N.18 NC State	

Coach: Frank Beamer • Colors: Maroon & Orange
Nickname: Gobblers, Hokies • 1988 Record:
W-3, L-8

WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, NC

S. 9 Appalachian State +	34-34
S.16 North Carolina State +	6-14
S.23 Army	
S.30 Rice +	
O. 7 North Carolina	42-24
O.14 Maryland +	27-24
O.21 Virginia	14-34
O.28 Clemson	21-38
N. 4 Duke +	35-16
N.11 Tulane +	
N.18 Georgia Tech	28-24

Coach: Bill Dooley • Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Demon Deacons • 1988 Record:

W-6, L-4, T-1

WASHINGTON Seattle, WA

S. 9 Texas A&M +	
S.16 Purdue +	20-6
S.23 Arizona +	13-16
S.30 Colorado +	
O. 7 Southern Cal	27-28
O.14 Oregon +	14-17
O.21 California	28-27
O.28 UCLA	17-24
N. 4 Arizona State +	10-0
N.11 Oregon State	
N.18 Washington State +	31-32

Coach: Don James • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Huskies • 1988 Record: W-6, L-5

WASHINGTON STATE Pullman, WA

S. 2 Idaho +	
S. 7 Brigham Young *	
S.16 Oregon State +	36-27
S.23 Wyoming	
S.30 Southern Cal +	
S. 7 Oregon	28-43
O.14 Stanford +	24-21
O.21 Arizona +	28-45
O.28 Arizona State *	28-31
N.11 California	44-13
N.18 Washington	32-31

Coach: Mike Price • Colors: Crimson & Gray

Nickname: Cougars • 1988 Record: W-9, L-3

WEBER STATE Ogden, UT

S. 9 Nevada-Las Vegas *	
S.16 Northern Arizona +	21-27
S.23 Idaho + *	24-27
S.30 Boise State +	27-31
O. 7 Montana	14-41
O.14 Southern Utah State +	49-30
O.21 Nevada-Reno	37-31
O.28 Montana State	59-35
N. 4 Eastern Washington +	51-30
N.11 Southwest State (MN) +	
N.18 Idaho State *	34-13

Coach: Dave Arslanian

Colors: Royal Purple & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1988 Record: W-5, L-6

WEST CHESTER West Chester, PA

S. 9 American Int'l +	54-21
S.15 Boston U. + *	
S.23 Delaware	33-13
S.30 Bloomsburg	24-9
O. 7 Kutztown	52-13
O.14 Clarion +	55-7
O.21 East Stroudsburg	20-3
O.27 Cheyney + *	37-16
N. 4 Mansfield	34-14
N.11 Millersville +	15-17

Coach: Rick Daniels • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Golden Rams • 1988 Record: W-9, L-1

WESTERN CAROLINA Cullowhee, NC

S. 2 Eastern Kentucky *	14-32
S. 9 Lenoir-Rhyne + *	
S.16 UT-Chattanooga + *	14-19
S.23 East Tennessee State *	33-23
S.30 Mars Hill + *	
O. 7 Citadel	21-27
O.21 South Carolina	0-38
O.28 Furman +	0-31
N. 4 Georgia Tech	
N.11 Marshall	45-52
N.18 Appalachian State +	21-42

Coach: Dave Strahm • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Catamounts • 1988 Record: W-2, L-9

WESTERN ILLINOIS Macomb, IL

S. 9 Southern Illinois	17-13
S.16 SW Missouri State +	35-31
S.23 Delaware State +	22-13
S.30 Northern Illinois *	6-16
O. 7 Northern Iowa +	28-27
O.14 Fort Hays State +	45-8
O.21 Eastern Illinois	
N. 4 Portland State *	13-10
N.11 Indiana State +	24-21

Coach: Bruce Craddock • Colors: Purple & Old

Gold • 1988 Record: W-10, L-2

Nickname: Leathernecks

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Bowling Green, KY	
S. 2 Illinois State *	31-16
S. 9 Murray State *	
S.16 Middle Tennessee + *	10-13
S.23 Eastern Kentucky *	16-14
S.30 Austin Peay + *	28-3
O. 7 UT-Chattanooga *	31-29
O.14 Southwest Missouri State + *	21-14
O.21 Tennessee Tech + *	20-17
O.28 Youngstown State	
N. 4 Louisville	17-35
N.18 Eastern Illinois + *	0-6

Coach: Jack Harbaugh • Colors: Red & White

Nickname: Hilltoppers • 1988 Records: W-9, L-4

WINSTON-SALEM STATE Winston-Salem, NC

S. 2 Knoxville	
S. 9 North Carolina A&T + *	26-6
S.16 Elizabeth City State + *	
S.23 Livingstone	
S.30 Fayetteville State	35-10
O. 14 N.C. Central + *	19-20
O.21 Stevens State	16-14
O.28 Johnson C. Smith +	37-6

Coach: Pete Richardson • Colors: Scarlet & White

Nickname: Rams • 1988 Record: W-10, L-1

WISCONSIN Madison, WI

S. 9 Miami +	3-23
S.16 Toledo +	
S.23 California	
O. 7 Michigan	14-62
O.14 Iowa +	6-31
O.21 Northwestern +	14-35
O.28 Illinois	6-34
N. 4 Minnesota	14-7
N.11 Indiana +	
N.18 Ohio State +	12-34
N.25 Michigan State +	0-36

Coach: Don Morton • Colors: Cardinal & White

Nickname: Badgers • 1988 Record: W-1, L-10

WYOMING Laramie, WY

S. 2 Louisville +	44-9
S.10 Air Force +	48-45
S.16 Hawaii +	28-22
S.23 Washington State +	
S.30 Oklahoma State *	
O. 7 Brigham Young	24-14
O.14 Utah +	61-18
O.28 New Mexico	55-7
N. 4 Colorado State +	48-14
N.11 San Diego State *	55-27
N.18 Texas-El Paso +	51-6

Coach: Paul Roach • Colors: Brown & Yellow

Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes • 1988 Record:
W-11, L-2

YALE New Haven, CT

S.16 Brown +	24-24
S.23 Lehigh +	
S.30 Connecticut +	0-41
O. 7 Colgate +	
O.14 Dartmouth	22-13
O.21 Columbia	24-10
O.28 Pennsylvania +	3-10
N. 4 Cornell +	0-26
N.11 Princeton	10-24
N.18 Harvard +	26-17

Coach: Carmen Cozza • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Elis, Bulldogs • 1988 Record:
W-3, L-6, T-1

YOUNGSTOWN STATE Youngstown, OH

S. 2 Maine	
S. 9 Eastern Michigan *	12-17
S.23 Akron +	7-33
S.30 Morgan State +	
O. 7 Indiana State +	25-7
O.14 Northeastern +	7-23
O.21 Central Michigan	
O.28 Western Kentucky +	
*N. 4 Liberty +	0-29
N.11 Edinboro +	
N.18 Towson State +	41-39

Coach: Jim Tressel • Colors: Scarlet & White

Nickname: Penguins • 1988 Record: W-4, L-7

Division I-AA Preview

A rematch between Furman and Georgia Southern could decide the championship once more

Division I-AA Playoffs		
First Round		
Furman 21	Delaware 7	
Northwestern State 22	Boise State 13	
Marshall 7	North Texas State 0	
Georgia Southern 38	Citadel 20	
Stephen F. Austin 24	Jackson State 0	
Western Kentucky 35	Western Illinois 32	
Idaho 38	Montana 19	
Eastern Kentucky 28	Massachusetts 17	
Quarterfinals		
Eastern Kentucky 41	Western Kentucky 24	
Georgia Southern 27	Stephen F. Austin 6	
Furman 13	Marshall 9	
Idaho 38	Northwestern State 30	
Semifinals		
Furman 38	Idaho 7	
Georgia Southern 21	Eastern Kentucky 17	
Championship		
Furman 17	Georgia Southern 12	

Had fate been kinder, Furman University football coach Jimmy Satterfield and Georgia Southern's Erk Russell might have been meeting in Athens, GA on September 30 for the first time since last year's NCAA Division I-AA championship game. Not in Greenville, SC, home of the Paladins. And not in Statesboro, GA, home of the Eagles. In Athens. At the University of Georgia. Site of the Bulldogs' annual game against the University of South Carolina.

Confused? Consider that Satterfield, who led the Paladins to a 17-14 victory in the I-AA title game, was courted for the head-coaching position at South Carolina this season. Russell, whose Eagles won the previous two I-AA titles, was a top candidate at Georgia.

Ah! Now you get the picture. Unfortunately, Satterfield and Russell didn't get the jobs. So if the two are to meet in 1989, it will have to be in the I-AA championship game, to be played in Statesboro this season. Or at least somewhere during the first three rounds of the national playoffs.

"A million-to-one," said Russell on the odds of such a rematch. According to their I-AA peers, though, such a rematch is a definite possibility. Georgia Southern, the only team to win consecutive (1985-86) I-AA titles, has been in three of the last four championship games. Furman has been the opponent twice (1985 and '88).

"Obviously, that would be a tough act to follow," Satterfield said. "It was a dream season the way things fell into place. It took a lot of luck, a lot of consistency, and being in the right place at the right time. We had some injuries, and guys came through. We got into the playoffs and seemed to get some good draws. A lot of things happened good for us. A lot of times, when you work hard, it seems the luckier you get."

Luck had little to do with it. Furman had the two ingredients—a good quarterback and a solid defense—most coaches say it takes to be successful. Of those two, defense was the key a year ago. Six of the 16 playoff teams ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring defense. Furman led the way, allowing just 9.7 points per game. Independent Jackson State and Stephen F. Austin of the Southland Conference weren't far behind at 10.0 and 10.1 points, respectively. Excluding the Colonial League, whose teams don't compete in the playoffs, only two of the top 10 teams and five of the top 20 in total offense made the playoffs. The most notable was Big Sky champion Idaho, No. 1 in total offense. When defense met offense in the playoffs, Furman defeated Idaho to advance to the title game.

"I am noticing that more and more teams that make the playoffs do it with outstanding defense and a good quarterback," said North Texas State coach Corky Nelson, whose team should contend in the Southland Conference again this season.

If that indeed is the winning formula, then Furman should remain a contender. Six starters return on defense, and quarterback Frankie DeBusk is back for his junior year. DeBusk was the principal figure behind Furman's strong regular-season finish that resulted in a tie with Marshall atop the Southern Conference. He missed the first three games with a shoulder injury and struggled in his first three starts. But in his last five regular-season games, DeBusk completed 57 of 97 passes for 845 yards and five touchdowns. Overall, he passed for 1,562 yards and nine TDs ran for 366 yards and four TDs.

If Furman has a hole to fill, it's the one left by linebacker Jeff Blankenship, the Southern Conference Player of the Year. "You can't replace him," Satterfield said. "You just find somebody else to play the position."

Other teams with the supposed formula to challenge for the national title include Marshall and Appalachian State of the Southern Conference; North Texas State, Northeast Louisiana, and Northwestern State of the Southland; Eastern Kentucky and Murray State of the Ohio Valley; Idaho, Boise State, and Nevada-Reno of the Big Sky; and Independent Georgia Southern.

Idaho returns perhaps the nation's top all-round quarterback in All-America John Friesz. The 6-4 senior led Division I-AA in total offense during the regular season with 275 yards per game. "He's bona fide... a big-time player," said Nevada-Reno coach Chris Ault. The Southland also has a couple of standout quarterbacks in North Texas State junior Scott Davis, the league's offensive player of the year, and Northwestern State's Scott Stoker, who finished third nationally in passing efficiency.

"Any time you have your quarterback coming back, you're 65 percent ahead of those who don't have a proven quarterback," Nelson said. That should bring a smile to Marshall coach George Chaump and to first-year Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore. Chaump returns 26-year-old John Gregory, who played four years in the Los Angeles Dodgers' organization before settling down at Marshall. Gregory needs 2,400 yards to become the Southern Conference's all-time passing leader. Moore, who was hired after Sparky Woods got the nod ahead of Satterfield at South Carolina, inherited junior Bobby Fuller and most of the team that finished 6-4 last season. Fuller

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THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

was No. 7 nationally in passing, just ahead of Gregory. "We left him a heck of a team," Woods said. "We thought we had a good chance to make a run at the title this year."

The best quarterback in the Ohio Valley Conference is Michael Proctor of Murray State. He set a league record two years ago when he passed for 2,375 yards. He was sixth in total offense in '88 with over 2,500 yards. Georgia Southern isn't without a solid quarterback either. Raymond Gross, one of 18 returning starters, is back for his junior year. He has been a starter since the seventh game of his freshman year, and the Eagles are 17-5 under his direction.

The key defenders to watch in I-AA include

ends Kelly Fletcher and Chris Roper of Furman, linebacker John Jurkovic of Eastern Illinois, linemen Xavier Jordan and Zip Zanders of Eastern Kentucky, cornerback Bernard Ellison of Nevada-Reno, and tackle Rodney Curtis of Georgia Southern. And if defense indeed wins games, watch out for Georgia Southern. The Eagles return nine starters from a unit that set virtually every school record—fewest points, yards, rushing yards, and passing yards allowed—in 1988.

History favors the teams with the best running game. Three of the last four I-AA champions have been ground-oriented. Northeast Louisiana, which won the 1987 title, was the lone exception, and even that team had a decent rushing offense. Georgia Southern made it to the 1988 finals averaging 99.7 yards per game passing. "I don't think you can draw any conclusions from that," Russell said. Maybe not. But from 1983 through '87, only eight I-AA teams had winning records in each of those years. The top three—Furman, Eastern Kentucky, and Middle Tennessee State—were predominantly running teams.

"We've been fortunate," said Ault, whose Reno squad is the exception to the rule in the pass-happy Big Sky. "We're probably the most run-oriented team in our league year in and year out, and one of the most consistent."

Said Eastern Illinois coach Bob Spoo of the Gateway Conference, "You can pass the ball, but you have to have a great defense and be able to run the ball effectively to be a consistent winner." Again, that favors teams such as Georgia Southern and Furman. It also favors certain conferences, such as the Southern and the Southland, which feature mostly run-oriented offenses. Each placed three teams in the playoffs last year and should do so again.

"From top to bottom, the Southern may be the most balanced," said Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd. "That hasn't been the case in [the Ohio Valley] the last couple of years. I'd

much rather play our schedule than all the teams in the Southland." So would Satterfield, who says he had more difficulty winning the conference title than the national championship. "That's not necessarily true every year," he said. "It just happened that last year some of the teams were just as hard to beat as the ones in the playoffs. I don't see why that should change this year."

As many as five teams could challenge for the Southern Conference crown. Furman is the natural favorite, but Appalachian State, Marshall, UT-Chattanooga, and The Citadel won't make it easy.

The three Southland playoff schools—Northwestern State, North Texas State, and Stephen F. Austin—should be around by postseason play again. Northeast Louisiana could also move back into contention, although first-year coach Dave Roberts says the program is a year away. "We've got three freshmen starting in the offensive line, one sophomore, and one junior," said Roberts, who came to Northeast Louisiana from Western Kentucky. "That's too young."

The Big Sky was the only other conference to send three representatives to the playoffs: Idaho, Boise State, and Montana. Those three, along with Nevada-Reno, will again be the class of the league.

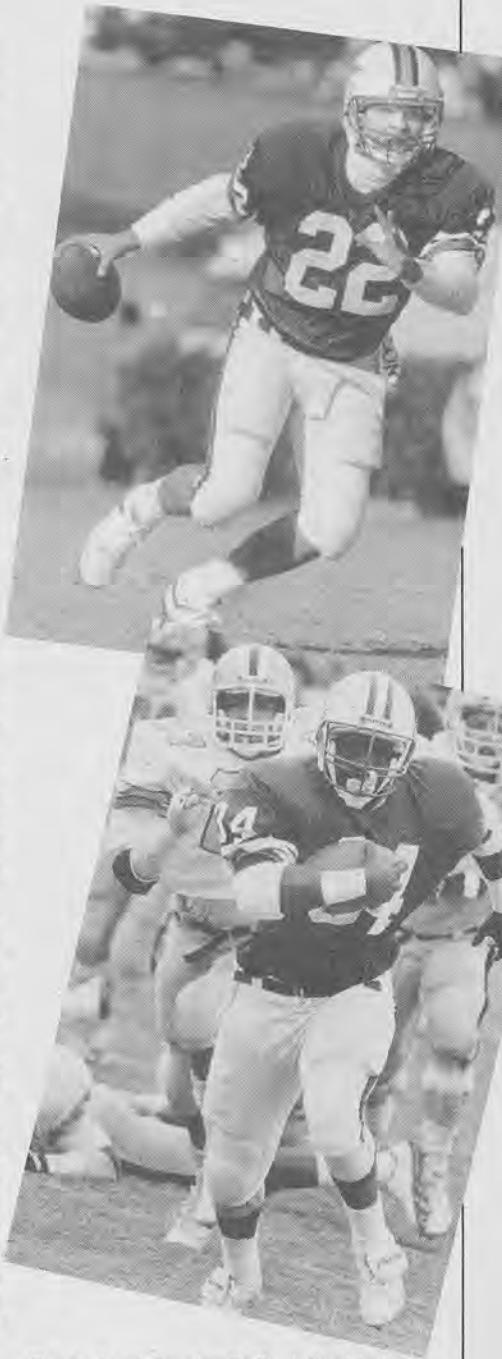
Holy Cross coach Mark Duffner has the best regular-season record (30-3) the past three years among I-AA coaches. Duffner also has one of the top defensive backs in Dave Murphy, who needs just two interceptions to become the career I-AA leader.

But the balance of power will remain in the Southeast, where it has been most of the past seven years. "I think they regard their football as near sacred [in the Southeast]," said Spoo. "They have a pool of talent that lends itself to having three or four strong teams every year."

Satterfield and Russell would like to think so. "But it's hard to stay on top," Satterfield said. "You look at Ohio State, at Penn State; look at Miami and Dallas. Those are the teams that have been real successful, but as you can see, it's been hard to stay up there. I'm sure Furman is facing the same problem."

Should Satterfield and Russell avoid those problems and meet in the finals for the third time in five years, they can be thankful for one thing: they won't have to travel across the country to decide an issue between two schools little more than 100 miles apart.

Said Satterfield, who traveled to Tacoma, Washington in 1985 and to Pocatello, Idaho last season, "I'm sure [then] it will be Northern Arizona and Eastern Washington [in the title game]. That's the way it's gone lately." □



Quarterback Frankie DeBusk (top) led Furman to a 13-2 record and the national title, while tailback Dwight Sterling led the Paladins in rushing and even played a bit on the defensive line.

Division II Preview

North Dakota State, with four titles in the last six years, and Portland State, the runner-up the past two seasons, are tops in the nation.

Last year, Division II football was pretty much cut-and-dried. North Dakota State was ranked No. 1 in the second week of the season, and that's where the Bison finished when the 16-team playoffs were completed. They capped a 14-0 record with a 35-21 victory over Portland State in the title game in Florence, Alabama. It was their fourth national championship in the last six years.

Counting a victory in the 1987 finale, North Dakota State begins the new season with 15 in a row—the longest current win streak in Division II. Coach Rocky Hager has some holes to fill before the September 9 opener with Northern Michigan, but there won't be much sympathy for him in the North Central Conference. Key players on offense are quarterback Chris Simdorn, running back Tony Satter, and tackle Craig Johnson. The defense will rely on tackle Mark Roshell and corner Todd Zabel.

Simdorn did a masterful job of directing a run-crazy veer that led Division II in rushing, tied for first in scoring, and was second in total offense. The unit averaged over 472 yards and nearly 40 points per game. Simdorn was one of three Bison players to top 1,000 yards in rushing (including four playoff games). He had 1,548 yards and 27 touchdowns and completed 66 percent of his passes for 544 yards and four TDs. Satter, with 151 yards against Portland State, ran for 1,107 on the year. Doug Lloyd, who graduated, had 1,377.

Quarterback and running back are high-risk occupations in the veer. "We need three quarterbacks who can play," said Hager. With that in mind, remember the name Craig Geren, a slightly-built redshirt freshman. "He has some God-given skills that we can't teach," said Hager. "Speed is his strong point. Our defense, which played against him in practice, said he was one of the best they saw."

There may not be enough of Satter to go around. The 196-pound junior led the Bison in average yards per carry (9.1), was the team's best punt and kickoff returner, and was more than adequate as the backup punter. Marty Sieh, Kurt Gunning, Pete Erickson, and Mark Hansen will all see action in the backfield.

"Our most obvious losses are in the offensive line," said Hager. Gone are All-Americans Mike Favor and Matt Tracy. On defense the Bison must replace Paul Lenz, their third straight All-America nose guard. Roshell, a one-time starter at outside linebacker, found a new home on the line. Zabel had seven interceptions a year ago. But perhaps the most outstanding returning defender is Phil Hansen, a junior tackle with excellent agility. He led the team in sacks.

In the North Central Conference, St. Cloud State and Augustana (SD) should be title challengers. St. Cloud, which lost to North Dakota State by one point during the season, is led by Harry Jackson, who was first in the league in rushing and third in the nation. Augustana, a two-point loser to NDSU, returns Joel Nelson, the No. 2 passer in Division II.

Portland State, as noted, went to the championship game. It was the second straight appearance for the Vikings, who lost to Troy State the previous year. Coach Pokey Allen isn't dismissing a third challenge for the Division II crown. "I just hope our schedule isn't too tough," he said. "If we survive the first five or six games, we could be all right. We should be better on offense, if our quarterback comes through. And I'm excited about our junior-college players." Two of the JC recruits are top candidates for the quarterback job.

Darren Del Andrae and Don Bailey. Portland lost 12 starters and 14 seniors from the team that went 11-3-1. Among the missing are quarterback Chris Crawford, who broke the passing records set by Neil Lomax, and tight end Barry Naone, both All-Americans. Also gone are standout wide receiver Tim Corrigan, three defensive linemen, and a linebacker. Experienced players returning include Curtis Delgado, an all-purpose 5-foot-5 back who rushed for 1,493 yards; fullback Burnell Harvin, and linemen Howard Hoyle, Bill Duarte, and Frank Mayo. On defense, Allen can count on end Travis Gamble, linebackers Scott Taube and Mingo Saelua, and cornerbacks Nick Carter and Dominic Hardeman.

"The whole conference lost a lot of veterans," said Allen. "But the JC kids can change the complexion in a hurry." Allen points to Sacramento State and California Poly (San Luis Obispo) as possible title contenders in the Western Football Conference.

"We have arrived, and we want to stay." That is the way coach Bob Mattos looks at his Sacramento State program. The Hornets finished a 10-3 season (a school record for victories) in a semifinal playoff loss to North Dakota State. Like Portland State, Sacramento is looking for a quarterback. Three-year veteran Drew Wyant is back for his final season. He played only two games in 1988 after being knocked out by an injury, giving Tony Trosin a chance to lead the Hornets. Trosin has graduated. Other major losses are wide receiver Mark Young, the co-MVP with Trosin; defensive lineman Ken Stinnett, running back Donald Hair, and safety Gary Lunsford. Fullback Ed Bueno is a good one, the top returning rusher from the team that led Division II in total offense. Steve Buccelletto and redshirt sophomore Don Hines offer variety in the backfield. If Wyant gets enough protection, he shouldn't have trouble finding receivers. Ron Weaver and Zeb Brye are back. Weaver did not catch a pass last year until the fifth game, but wound up leading the team with 37 for 626 yards.

Several coaches have outstanding players returning for 1989. Only one has Johnny Bailey. "It's difficult to put into words," said coach Ron Harms of Texas A&I when asked to rate Bailey. "He could play Division I. He has great acceleration and vision, a tremendous attitude. He's consistent, and he's a team player." Bailey returns to Kingsville, Texas, for his senior year as a most decorated athlete. He won his second straight Harlon Hill Trophy, designating him the premier player in Division II. Last season, Bailey led the division in rushing, averaging 144.2 yards per game.

Division II Playoffs

First Round

Millersville 27	Indiana (PA) 24
North Carolina Central 31	Winston-Salem 16
North Dakota State 49	Augustana (SD) 7
Sacramento State 35	Cal-Davis 14
Tennessee-Martin 23	Butler 6
Jacksonville State 63	West Chester 24
Texas A&I 39	Mississippi College 15
Portland State 34	Bowie State 17

Quarterfinals

North Dakota State 36	Millersville 26
Sacramento State 56	North Carolina Central 7
Texas A&I 34	Tennessee-Martin 0
Portland State 20	Jacksonville State 13

Semifinals

North Dakota State 42	Sacramento State 20
Portland State 35	Texas A&I 27

Championship

North Dakota State 35	Portland State 21
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by ED KOLPACK
FARGO FORUM

"We return eight starters on offense and 10 on defense," said Harms. "Most of our offensive line is back. They average about 6-4 and 270 to 280 pounds. On paper it looks good." Another plus is Kerry Simien, a wide receiver and kick returner with great speed. But a major loss from last year's 10-3 team is fullback Heath Sherman, who played in Bailey's shadow for three seasons. "[Sherman] may be the best all-round back I've coached," said Harms, who begins his 20th year on the sidelines and his 11th at Texas A&I. Also gone is quarterback James Guidry and All-America lineman Rod Mounts. But with Bailey and All-America defensive lineman John Randle, Harms expects A&I to remain a power in the Lone Star Conference. "East Texas State is my dark horse," he said.

It shouldn't surprise too many if Jacksonville (AL) State returns to the playoffs. The Gamecocks are one of the few 1988 quarterfinalists to retain their starting quarterback. "David Guledge runs the wishbone well," said coach Bill Burgess. "He has adapted to the option game and can throw deep out of the wishbone." Also back are center Keith-Henderson and receiver Darrell Sanders, a deep threat. On defense, teams in the Gulf South Conference will have to handle 295-pound all-league Orlando Adams and Byron Stewart at tackle. A veteran secondary has Darrell Malone, Eric

CURTIS DELGARDO Portland State



Davis, and William Bell. Burgess laments the loss of place-kicker Ashley Kay and long snapper Pat Tate. "Kay was a factor in five of our 10 games and we haven't found a replacement," he said. "Tate was the best long snapper I've seen in 25 years." Other key Jacksonville State losses are All-America guard Joe Billingsley, fullback Terry Thomas (No. 3 rusher in school history), and all-conference defensive end Judge Stringer. "We'll be picked high, I suppose," said Burgess about the GSC outlook. "Troy State had a bad year last year, but they're still one of the top teams. And you can't forget Mississippi College and Tennessee-Martin." The Gamecocks, coming off a 10-2 season, were beaten by Portland State in the playoffs.

The Tennessee-Martin Pacers face a major rebuilding job. They graduated 19 seniors, headed by defensive tackle Emanuel McNeil and quarterback Leon Reed, the Gulf South defensive and offensive players of the year. Also gone is wide receiver William Mackell and his 66 catches for 1,020 yards. Coach Dan McLeary returns one part-time starter on offense and three on defense. Tennessee-Martin's 11-2 record included a quarterfinal loss to Texas A&I.

Coach Henry Lattimore of North Carolina Central will be hard-pressed to find a quarterback to replace Earl Harvey, a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy. The Eagles fell to Sacramento State in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs and finished 9-2-1.

Gene Carpenter begins his 20th year as Millersville (PA) State coach looking for a quarterback to take over for Fred Stover. Jeff Wolfinder and Dave Becker, who has seen limited duty, are the leading contenders for the job. The Marauders return some key people. Tailback Scott Highley ran for 1,182 yards and 14 touchdowns as a junior. Luke Hadfield is the school's career kick-scoring leader. Cornerback Darren Ryals intercepted six passes, including two for touchdowns against Indiana (PA) State in the first round of the playoffs. Also back are wide receiver Tony Malatesta and center Tim Cunningham. Millersville's 10-2 record included a second-round loss to North Dakota State.

West Chester State will be favored to win the Pennsylvania Conference title if the Golden Rams find a quarterback to replace Al Niemela, who led Division II in passing a year ago. One of the top returning backs in the PC is Derrick Price of West Chester, who was the fifth-leading rusher in the nation in '88. Indiana will be tough in the Western Division with its depth. East Stroudsburg is the sleeper. □

Division III Playoffs

First Round

Ithaca 34	Wagner 31 (OT)
Ferrum 34	Rhodes 10
Moravian 17	Widener 7
Corlant State 32	Hofstra 27
Wittenberg 35	Dayton 28 (2 OT)
Augustana (IL) 25	Adrian 7
Central (IA) 7	Concordia (MN) 0
Wisconsin-Whitewater 29	Simpson 27

Quarterfinals

Augustana (IL) 28	Wittenberg 14
Ithaca 24	Corlant State 17
Ferrum 49	Moravian 28
Central (IA) 16	Wisconsin-Whitewater 13

Semifinals

Central (IA) 23	Augustana (IL) 17 (2 OT)
Ithaca 62	Ferrum 28

Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl

Ithaca 39	Central (IA) 24
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NAIA Division I Playoffs

First Round

Moorhead State 26	Mesa State 16
Adams State 14	Emporia State 10
Pittsburg State 38	Northern State 14
SE Oklahoma 21	Central Arkansas 14 (OT)
Hillsdale (MI) 42	Fairmont State 7
Carson-Newman 62	Concord 29
Central State (OH) 24	Catawba 10
Ark-Monticello 20	Washburn 13

Quarterfinals

Central State (OH) 14	Hillsdale (MI) 7
Carson-Newman 42	Moorhead State 6
Pittsburg State 23	Ark-Monticello 7
Adams State 38	SE Oklahoma 7

Semifinals

Carson-Newman 13	Central State (OH) 0
Adams State 13	Pittsburg State 10

Championship

Carson-Newman 56	Adams State 21
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NAIA Division II Playoffs

First Round

Oregon Tech 56	Pacific Lutheran 35
Carroll (MT) 28	Central Washington 7
Northwestern (IA) 14	Sioux Falls 9
Wis-La Crosse 31	Valley City State 6
Evangel 45	Nebraska Wesleyan 14
Bethany (KS) 21	Baker 19
Bluffton 30	Cumberland (KY) 14
Westminster (PA) 34	Austin College 12

Quarterfinals

Oregon Tech 70	Carroll (MT) 35
Wis-La Crosse 45	Northwestern (IA) 33
Evangel 22	Bethany (KS) 10
Westminster (PA) 40	Bluffton 7

Semifinals

Wis-La Crosse 37	Oregon Tech 24
Westminster (PA) 26	Evangel 9

Championship

Westminster (PA) 21	Wis-La Crosse 14
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Final Conference Standings

DIVISION I-A

	conference			overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Atlantic Coast						
Clemson	6	1	0	10	2	0
Virginia	5	2	0	7	4	0
North Carolina St.	4	2	1	8	3	1
Wake Forest	4	3	0	6	4	1
Maryland	4	3	0	5	6	0
Duke	3	3	1	7	3	1
North Carolina	1	6	0	1	10	0
Georgia Tech	0	7	0	3	8	0
Big Eight						
Nebraska	7	0	0	11	2	0
Oklahoma	6	1	0	9	3	0
Oklahoma St.	5	2	0	10	2	0
Colorado	4	3	0	8	4	0
Iowa St.	3	4	0	5	6	0
Missouri	2	5	0	3	7	1
Kansas	1	6	0	1	10	0
Kansas St.	0	7	0	0	11	0
Big Ten						
Michigan	7	0	1	9	2	1
Michigan St.	6	1	1	6	5	1
Illinois	5	2	1	6	5	1
Iowa	4	1	3	6	4	3
Indiana	5	3	0	8	3	1
Purdue	3	5	0	4	7	0
Ohio St.	2	5	1	4	6	1
Northwestern	2	5	1	2	8	1
Wisconsin	1	7	0	1	10	0
Minnesota	0	6	2	2	7	2
Big West						
Fresno St.	7	0	0	10	2	0
Cal St. Fullerton	5	2	0	5	6	0
Utah St.	4	3	0	4	7	0
San Jose St.	4	3	0	4	8	0
Long Beach St.	3	4	0	3	9	0
UNLV	3	4	0	4	7	0
Pacific	2	5	0	2	9	0
New Mexico St.	0	7	0	1	10	0

Mid-American

Western Michigan	7	1	0	9	3	0
Eastern Michigan	5	2	1	6	3	1
Ball St.	5	3	0	8	3	0
Central Michigan	5	3	0	7	4	0
Ohio U.	4	3	1	4	6	1
Toledo	4	4	0	6	5	0
Kent St.	3	5	0	5	6	0
Bowling Green	1	6	1	2	8	1
Miami (OH)	0	7	1	0	10	1

Pacific-10

Southern Cal	8	0	0	10	2	0
UCLA	6	2	0	10	2	0
Washington St.	5	3	0	9	3	0
Arizona	5	3	0	7	4	0
Arizona St.	3	4	0	6	5	0
Washington	3	5	0	6	5	0
Oregon	3	5	0	6	6	0
Oregon St.	2	5	1	4	6	1
California	1	5	1	5	5	1
Stanford	1	5	2	3	6	2

Southeastern

Auburn	6	1	0	10	2	0
Louisiana St.	6	1	0	8	4	0
Georgia	5	2	0	9	3	0
Alabama	4	3	0	9	3	0
Florida	4	3	0	7	5	0
Mississippi	3	4	0	5	6	0
Tennessee	3	4	0	5	6	0
Kentucky	2	5	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	2	5	0	3	8	0
Mississippi St.	0	7	0	1	10	0

Southwest

Arkansas	7	0	0	10	2	0
Texas A&M	6	1	0	7	5	0
Houston	5	2	0	9	3	0
Texas Tech	4	3	0	5	6	0
Texas	2	5	0	4	7	0
Baylor	2	5	0	6	5	0
Texas Christian	2	5	0	4	7	0
Rice	0	7	0	0	11	0

Western Athletic

Wyoming	8	0	0	11	2	0
UTEP	6	2	0	10	3	0
Hawaii	5	3	0	9	3	0
Brigham Young	5	3	0	9	4	0
Utah	4	4	0	6	5	0
Air Force	3	5	0	5	7	0
San Diego State	3	5	0	3	8	0
New Mexico	1	7	0	2	10	0
Colorado State	1	7	0	1	10	0

Independents

Notre Dame	12	0	0			
Miami	11	1	0			
Florida State	11	1	0			
West Virginia	11	1	0			
Southern Mississippi	10	2	0			
Syracuse	10	2	0			
Army	9	3	0			
South Carolina	8	4	0			
Louisville	8	3	0			
Northern Illinois	7	4	0			
Memphis State	6	5	0			
Pittsburgh	6	5	0			
Southwestern Louisiana	6	5	0			
Akron	5	6	0			
Penn State	5	6	0			
Rutgers	5	6	0			
Tulane	5	6	0			
Temple	4	7	0			
Tulsa	4	7	0			
Boston College	3	8	0			
Cincinnati	3	8	0			
East Carolina	3	8	0			
Virginia Tech	3	8	0			
Navy	3	8	0			

Ivy League

Penn	6	1	0	9	1	0
Cornell	6	1	0	7	2	1
Princeton	4	3	0	6	4	0
Dartmouth	4	3	0	5	5	0
Yale	3	3	1	3	6	1
Columbia	2	5	0	2	8	0
Harvard	2	5	0	2	8	0
Brown	0	6	1	0	9	1

Ohio Valley

Eastern Kentucky	6	0	0	11	3	0
Murray State	4	2	0	4	6	0
Middle Tennessee	3	3	0	7	4	0
Tennessee State	2	4	0	3	7	1
Morehead State	2	4	0	3	8	0
Austin Peay	2	4	0	3	8	0
Tennessee Tech	1	5	0	1	10	0

Southern

Furman	6	1	0	13	2	0
Marshall	6	1	0	11	2	0
Citadel	5	2	0	8	4	0
Appalachian St.	4	3	0	6	4	1
UT-Chattanooga	3	3	0	4	7	0
VMI	1	5	0	2	9	0
Western Carolina	1	6	0	2	9	0
East Tennessee	1	6	0	3	8	0

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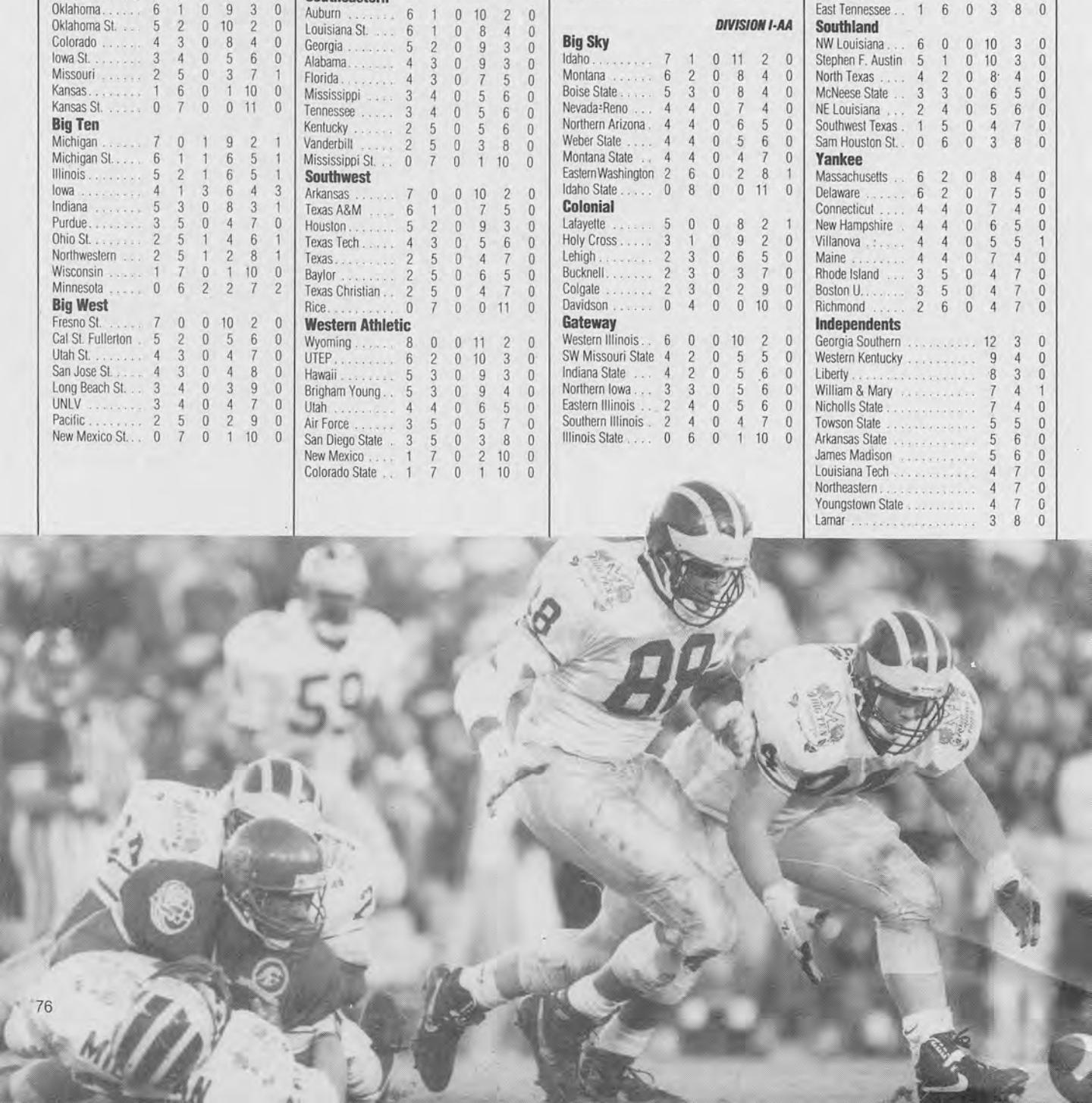
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NE Louisiana	2	4	0	5	6	0
Southwest Texas	1	5	0	4	7	0
Sam Houston St.	0	6	0	3	8	0

Yankee

Massachusetts	6	2	0	8	4	0
Delaware	6	2	0	7	5	0
Connecticut	4	4	0	7	4	0
New Hampshire	4	4	0	6	5	0
Villanova	4	4	0	5	5	1
Maine	4	4	0	7	4	0
Rhode Island	3	5	0	4	7	0
Boston U.	3	5	0	4	7	0
Richmond	2	6	0	4	7	0

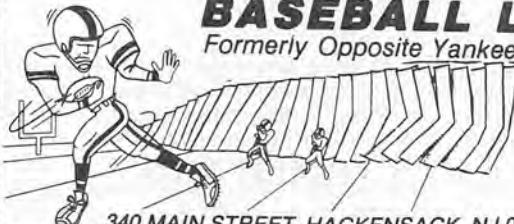
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Western Kentucky	9	4	0			
Liberty	8	3	0			
William & Mary	7	4	1			
Nicholls State	7	4	0			
Towson State	5	5	0			
Arkansas State	5	6	0			
James Madison	5	6	0			
Louisiana Tech	4	7	0			
Northeastern	4	7	0			
Youngstown State	4	7	0			
Lamar	3	8	0			



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Get out your calendar. Find September 16. Circle it. Underline it. Put a couple of stars next to it. That's the day Notre Dame visits Michigan, and the national championship could be decided. It won't be won that day. But it might be lost. Notre Dame ended up last season 12-0 and No. 1 in the country. Four points in the right places and Michigan, which wound up No. 4, would have been national champion.

Both teams have lots coming back. Michigan is loaded on offense with a powerful line and its top four runners returning. Bo Schembechler has the luxury of two veteran quarterbacks and the opportunity to add a football national title to the one the Wolverines won in basketball. Notre Dame, which was a year ahead of schedule, returns the bulk of its linemen on both sides of the ball plus underrated quarterback Tony Rice, who outperformed his supposed betters every time last fall. The Irish have to go to Miami this year and traverse such traditional land mines as Southern Cal, Penn State, and Pittsburgh, but first they must beat the Wolverines. In Ann Arbor.

Michigan, which never backs off a challenge, has to visit UCLA the week after the Notre Dame game. If it gets past those two—look out. The Wolverines are probably the most prohibitive favorite in the Big Ten since 1969, Schembechler's first year. That season, Ohio State, coming off a national championship, was expected to blow everybody away.

The Buckeyes did, too, until Michigan upset them and stole the Rose Bowl bid. Schembechler may not be quite the historian Woody Hayes was, but he knows nothing's a sure thing. There are teams that could give him trouble. He has to play Michigan State, Iowa, and Illinois on the road.

The Spartans will have a typically tough defense, but the home field advantage is not as big a factor in this intrastate rivalry as it is in some games. The Spartans, stodgy on offense, may be a little less efficient while auditioning a new quarterback and offensive line. But they are loaded with quality running backs and George Perles makes a living on ball control and defense.

Illinois could be the team to watch. The Illini were the surprise team of the Big Ten and earned John Mackovic Coach of the Year honors when they finished third in the conference and went to a bowl game. They have a strong defense returning and with the offensive line a year older, they could dazzle some people on offense, too, behind quarterback Jeff George, who could be the top passer in the conference.

Iowa appears to have lost too many outstanding players to contend for the title, but Hayden Fry insists the Hawkeyes should not be dismissed too lightly. Look for a little more emphasis on the running game, where there appears to be more depth than in the past.

The two teams that may be toughest to get a handle on are Ohio State and Indiana. The Buckeyes were a major disappointment under John Cooper and the urge to dismiss their chances is strong. It could be a mistake because there is a lot of obvious talent returning, particularly on offense. Indiana is the team

that is really at the crossroads. Bill Mallory did a marvelous job in turning the Hoosiers from a disaster into a dangerous contender in a hurry. But there is massive rebuilding to do, despite the presence of some of the best skill-position athletes in the Big Ten. If the Hoosiers make the first division again this season, they may settle in for a long run.

None of the other four teams seems likely to break into the first division, but the team that could make the biggest strides is Minnesota. The Gophers were shattered when they lost Jon Leverenz in their opener last year. He's back now to anchor a strong linebacking corps. Northwestern and Purdue should be better and Wisconsin could hardly be worse.

Among the independents, after Notre Dame, Northern Illinois could make a little noise. The Huskies have put some sanity into their schedule in recent years, although a September 9 date at Nebraska could be painful. If Jerry Pettibone finds a wishbone quarterback to replace Marshall Taylor, he could duplicate his 7-4 record of a year ago. Cincinnati's plight seems hopeless. The Bearcats annually bite off far more than they can chew, playing the likes of Miami and West Virginia. They've brought in a new coach, Tim Murphy, who favors a wide-open offense. Presumably Murphy went into his new assignment with his eyes wide open, too.

Eastern Kentucky's long-standing football factory, featuring two first-round and one third-round NFL draft pick in the past two years, still appears to be at mass production. Roy Kidd begins his 26th season at Eastern one victory short of No. 200, and by Christmas he is likely to be approaching the 210 mark. The Colonels claim two first-team Ohio Valley players—sophomore fullback Tim Lester and junior linebacker Chris Coffey—after losing defensive end Jessie Small to the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round and tailback Elroy Harris to the Seattle Seahawks in the third.

Murray State, hoping to reverse a string of close losses in 1988, will contend behind star quarterback Michael Proctor, and Middle Tennessee could make a run if it can find a quarterback to replace Marvin Collier.

Western Michigan snowballed its Mid-American opponents with the league's best offense last season, but whoever wins the 1989 championship probably will do so with roadblocks instead of roadrunners. The Broncos averaged 410 yards a game, with a high of 546, in compiling a 7-1 conference mark and a 9-3 record that included a 35-30 loss to Fresno State in the California Bowl. But Western is without quarterback Tony Kimbrough, named the MAC's Most Valuable Player after leading the conference in total offense. Still, Western Michigan retains eight starters on defense, part of a trend around the Mid-American by which seven of the nine teams keep at least seven defensive regulars. Only Ball State and Miami will have to rebuild, the Cardinals keeping but four starters and Miami five.

Most of the MAC teams must reconstruct their offenses, but seven teams can build around returning quarterbacks. In addition eight of the top 10 rushers return, as well as nine of the top 11 receivers.

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predictions

big-10 conference

1. Michigan, 2. Illinois, 3. Iowa, 4. Ohio State,
5. Michigan State, 6. Indiana, 7. Minnesota,
8. Northwestern, 9. Purdue, 10. Wisconsin

Independents

1. Notre Dame, 2. Northern Illinois, 3. Cincinnati,
4. Youngstown State, 5. Akron

ohio valley conference

1. Eastern Kentucky, 2. Murray State, 3. Middle Tennessee, 4. Tennessee State, 5. Tennessee Tech,
6. Austin Peay, 7. Morehead State

mid-american conference

1. Central Michigan, 2. Ball State, 3. Eastern Michigan,
4. Western Michigan, 5. Toledo, 6. Bowling Green,
7. Kent State, 8. Ohio University, 9. Miami

big ten conference

MICHIGAN

(9-2-1, 7-0-1) A funny thing happened to Bo Schembechler on the way to spring practice. The dean of Big Ten football coaches discovered basketball. As Michigan's athletic director, Schembechler had to move quickly when basketball coach Bill Freider resigned. And right in the middle of spring football practice he had to follow the basketball Wolverines to Lexington and Seattle in their quest for the national championship.

Bo may have grumbled a bit, but he obviously enjoyed every minute of it. He might have grumbled a good deal more if he hadn't known that he has a powerhouse football team returning. A year ago, Schembechler thought his team might be pretty good, but he wasn't sure. "But next year," he said at the time, "we'll be awfully good, because the people we lose are in the areas where we have the greatest strength coming in."

Well, the Wolverines weren't bad last year. They lost two games—to the teams that eventually ranked one and two in the country. One was by two points when a potential game-winning field goal sailed wide on the final play at Notre Dame, and the other by a single point when Miami staged a monumental comeback.

Most of that team is back, including nine starters on the defense that led the conference. The one defender who will be the hardest to replace is All-America tackle Mark Messner, because he was an inspirational leader as well as a great player. But guard T.J. Osman (6-3, 263) and the other starting tackle, Brent White (6-5, 248), lead a strong contingent of linemen. One who is sure to be heard from is sophomore Ron Zieliński (6-5, 255). All four linebackers return, led by J.J. Grant and Erick Anderson, who made 77 tack-

1989 all-midwest team

offense

Quarterback . . Tony Rice . . SR . . Notre Dame
Quarterback . . Jeff George . . JR . . Illinois
Running back . . Anthony Thompson . . SR . . Indiana
Running back . . Tony Boles . . JR . . Michigan
Running back . . Darrell Thompson . . SR . . Minnesota
Running back . . Blake Ezor . . SR . . Michigan State
Wide receiver . . Rob Turner . . JR . . Indiana
Wide receiver . . Steve Williams . . SR . . Illinois
Tight end . . Jeff Ellis . . JR . . Ohio State
Line . . Bob Kula . . SR . . Michigan State
Line . . Greg Skrepnek . . JR . . Michigan
Line . . Curt Lovelace . . JR . . Illinois
Line . . Dean Dingman . . SO . . Michigan
Line . . Tim Grunhard . . SR . . Notre Dame
Place-kicker . . John Ivanic . . JR . . Northern Illinois

defense

Line . . Mo Gardner . . JR . . Illinois
Line . . Travis Davis . . SR . . Michigan State
Line . . Chris Zorich . . JR . . Notre Dame
Linebacker . . Percy Snow . . SR . . Michigan State
Linebacker . . Mike Stonebreaker . . SR . . Notre Dame
Linebacker . . Brad Quast . . SR . . Iowa
Linebacker . . Darrick Brownlow . . JR . . Illinois
Back . . Marlon Primous . . JR . . Illinois
Back . . Pat Terrell . . SR . . Notre Dame
Back . . Tripp Welbourne . . JR . . Michigan
Back . . David Brown . . SR . . Ohio State
Punter . . Josh Butland . . JR . . Michigan State



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Michigan

les apiece last year. The secondary is intact except for David Arnold.

Michigan won last year by returning to its trademark running game and by minimizing its mistakes. Where quarterback was a question a year ago, the only question this time is which of two able players will be the starter. Michael Taylor (76-122-2, 957 yards, 5 TDs) started the first nine games until he broke his collarbone. Then the much-maligned Demetrius Brown stepped in and guided Michigan to a Rose Bowl victory over Southern Cal. "They each played well for us last year," said Schembechler, who was taking his time about naming a starter. "It's a nice problem to have."

And what a group of runners the quarterbacks have to direct. Tailback Tony Boles (262 carries for 1,408 yards) was second only to Indiana's Anthony Thompson among Big Ten runners (although first in average) and ranked fourth in Division I-A. He also scored nine touchdowns. Fullback Leroy Hoard (130-752) added 11 touchdowns. The top two backups also return.

The offensive line, a perennial Michigan strength, will be so again. Sure, veterans John Vitale and Mike Husar departed, but Michigan

is loaded with big, mobile linemen. The three returning starters are tackles Tom Dohring (6-7, 277) and Greg Skrepnak (6-8, 322) and guard Dean Dingman (6-3, 280).

Schembechler's most serious problem will be in finding a replacement for kicker Mike Gillette, who was all-Big Ten both as a punter and place-kicker. That and overcoming recent history. Not since Michigan did it in 1978 has a Big Ten team repeated as champion. "It's tough to repeat," said Schembechler. "You say you'll be tough in the spring, but the applause is still ringing in their ears."

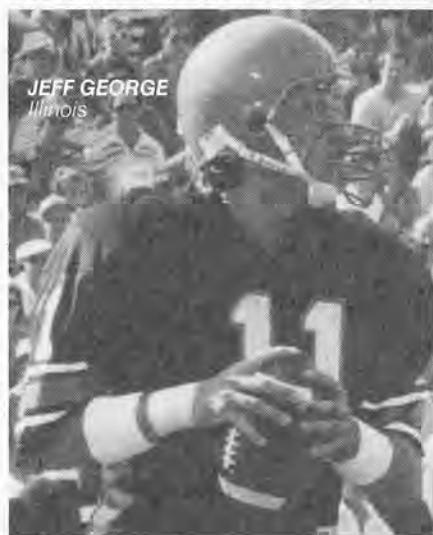
The applause should still be ringing in the Wolverines' ears next January, when they go to Pasadena looking to repeat as Rose Bowl winners as well.

ILLINOIS

(6-5-1, 5-2-1) In any other year Illinois might be a favorite to win the Big Ten title—and what a stunning reversal that would be. The Illini went into last season with a new coach and no expectations. Several top recruits had fled, along with former coach Mike White. When John Mackovic came in, it wasn't a matter of picking up the pieces. As far as most people could see, there were no pieces.

Somehow, after a shattering start, Mackovic managed to turn hog slop into a passable imitation of hog heaven. The Illini opened the Big Ten season by shocking Ohio State in Columbus. They upset Indiana at home, finished third in the conference, and went to the All-American Bowl. At least as much is expected from a team that returns 18 starters in '89.

The defense should be among the best in the conference, with only strong safety Glenn Cobb missing from a unit that ranked third in the Big Ten. At least two of the defensive starters, nose tackle Mo Gardner (6-2, 244) and linebacker Darrick Brownlow, are legitimate



All-America candidates. Brownlow was a Butkus Award finalist last year. In addition, tackle Mel Agee (6-5, 285) and free safety Marlon Primous are prime candidates for all-conference honors. The Illini are the only team in the league to return two first-team all-Big Ten defensive players (Gardner and Brownlow). Agee and Primous were second team all-conference a year ago.

The offense is not quite so impressive, but if Jeff George continues to improve, Illinois may put more points on the board despite the loss

of 1,000-yard rusher Keith Jones. George shouldered an enormous burden last season after transferring from Purdue. He responded by completing 212 of 366 passes for 2,257 yards and nine touchdowns. He has six of his top seven receivers back, three of whom had 30 or more catches. The wideouts are Mike Bellamy (31-477) and Steve Williams (38-523), the last of the three Williams brothers to star at Illinois. Tight end Jeff Finke (25-317) sat out spring practice with a knee injury, but Doug Amaya, who replaced him when he went down in the Northwestern game, is able.

Fullback Howard Griffith (109-615, 7 TDs) is the key returnee in the backfield. He also caught 32 passes. Expected to inherit Jones's tailback slot is J.C. transfer Ken Thomas, who was redshirted a year ago.

Possibly the most amazing development last season was the progress of the offensive line. Although two starters have graduated, the line should be a solid strength this time, led by center Curt Lovelace (6-3, 262) an all-conference candidate.



BRAD QUAST
Iowa

Brian Menkhausen was inconsistent as a punter last year, averaging 36 yards a kick, and will be pushed by junior-college transfer Kevin Breaux. The place-kicking is solid, with Doug Higgins returning and senior Chris Siambekos, who led the team in scoring as a freshman, also in the picture.

The schedule is a tough one, beginning with a September 2 game against Southern Cal in Moscow, followed by a visit to Colorado two weeks later. Illini fans may be expecting too much from a team that only a year ago was picked by some to finish last in the Big Ten. But this appears to be a team that could live up to those great expectations.

IOWA

(6-4-3, 4-1-3) Coach Hayden Fry has talked about injuries for years and now he's going to try to do something about them. The Hawkeyes will play their home games on real grass for the first time since 1971. That might detract some from the explosive speed that has characterized recent Iowa teams. But Fry hopes it also might serve to curb the rash of injuries that have struck on an annual basis.

If something else looks new this year, it might be a subtle shift in emphasis from the wide-open passing game that has prevailed in recent years. Iowa has been the No. 1 passing team in college football over the last six seasons. While the Hawkeyes will still throw, the running game should come more into focus and some of the passes that used to be

directed far downfield might be targeted for the backs instead of the wideouts.

Last season was not one of Fry's best. It might be argued that a few points here and there might have made an enormous difference to a team that lost two games by three points each and tied three others. But the Hawkeyes also were not that far removed from their first losing season since 1980. Gone from that team are some enormously gifted players, including quarterback Chuck Hartlieb, who threw for more than 7,000 yards and 37 touchdowns in his two seasons as a starter. With no heir apparent and without the two top receivers from a year ago, the Hawkeye passing game is bound to suffer to some degree.

There is one experienced quarterback available in Tom Poholsky, who won five of six games as a starter. But that was three years ago when he was a redshirt freshman. His challenge for the job in his senior season will come from, among others, Hartlieb's younger brother, Jim, who redshirted as a freshman last year. Even though Deven Harberts, the Big Ten's reception leader (880 yards), has graduated, there are still some experienced wideouts left. Travis Watkins, Jon Filloon, and Sean Smith combined for 75 catches and 1,124 yards. Much harder to replace will be All-America tight end Marv Cook, a tremendous blocker who also caught 63 passes for 767 yards.

All-Big Ten tackle Bob Kratch is gone, but the offensive line could be a strength. Because of injuries, Fry can call on nine players who have been starters to man his offensive front. Probably the best among them is center Bill Anderson (6-3, 265), an honorable mention all-conference selection.

It is when he beholds his running backs that Fry can be most sanguine. Tony Stewart became the first sophomore in the school's his-

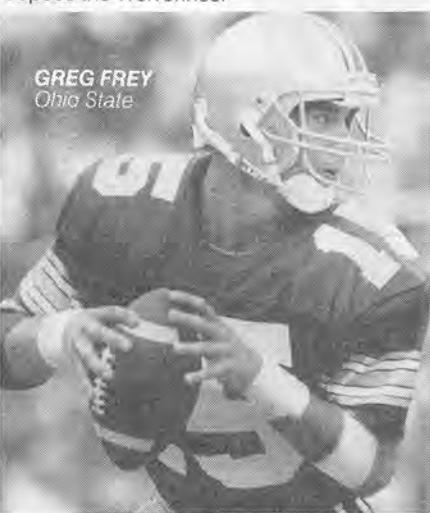
tory to gain 1,000 yards. He scored eight touchdowns before going out with a knee injury late in the season. His replacement, Mike Saunders, ran for 123 yards and three touchdowns in the season-ending victory at Minnesota. Richard Bass (51-172) started five games at fullback but Nick Bell impressed late in the year, especially as a receiver out of the backfield, where he caught 22 for 220 yards. Bell (6-3, 255) was the sensation of spring drills, performing equally well at tailback and fullback.

Defensively, Iowa has considerable rebuilding to do, especially at end, where the Hawkeyes lost their top three performers. But tackle Jeff Koeppel (6-2, 270) is back and there is strength at linebacker, where Brad Quast is an All-America candidate, and in the defensive backfield, where eight returnees all have started at one time or another. Merton Hanks is the standout in the secondary.

One thing that won't be new at Iowa is the soft early schedule: Oregon, Iowa State, and Tulsa. The pivotal Michigan and Michigan State games are both at home, but the Hawkeyes will have to be at their best if they hope to depose the Wolverines.



CARLOS SNOW
Ohio State

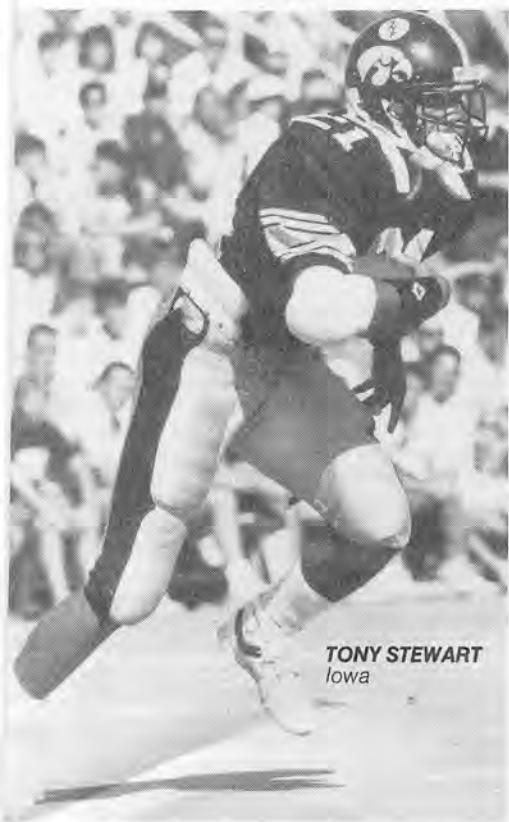


JEFF ELLIS
Ohio State



OHIO STATE

(4-6-1, 2-5-1) Timber!!! That sound you heard was mighty Ohio State falling with a crash that echoed through the Big Ten. Never before had a Buckeye team lost five conference games. Not since 1966 had an Ohio State team failed to play .500 football. It was not the way John Cooper wanted to start as caretaker of the Woody Hayes heritage.



TONY STEWART
Iowa

Don't expect the Buckeyes to be down for long. They'll be back, possibly as soon as this year. Don't expect them to win the conference championship. But don't expect them to tie Northwestern for seventh place again, either. Ohio State had its moments last year, beating quality teams like Syracuse and Louisiana State. It also had other moments when it lost at home to Illinois and Purdue. There should be more good moments than bad for a team that returns most of its offense.

Cooper made it clear that the days of "three yards and a cloud of dust" are over at Ohio State. His sophomore quarterback, Greg Frey, threw for 2,028 yards in his first year as a starter. Now Cooper must make it just as clear that the days of glory are not over, either. While stressing the pass, Cooper by no means has abandoned Ohio State's traditional mode of travel. Few teams are as deep at tailback, where Carlos Snow (152-775), James Bryant (52-245), and transfer Mark Hicks (29-131) return. Hicks, who also played some as a receiver, missed spring drills after wrist surgery.

Up front, where it counts, Cooper can build his line around a pair of potential all-Big Ten performers, tackle Joe Staysniak (6-5, 287) and guard Jeff Davidson (6-6, 285). Tight end Jeff Ellis, son of former heavyweight champ Jimmy, caught 40 passes and is another contender for postseason honors. Both starting receivers, Jeff Graham (27-438) and Bobby Olive (25-370), are back, so, with a little patching on the line, Ohio State's offense could be among the best in the conference.

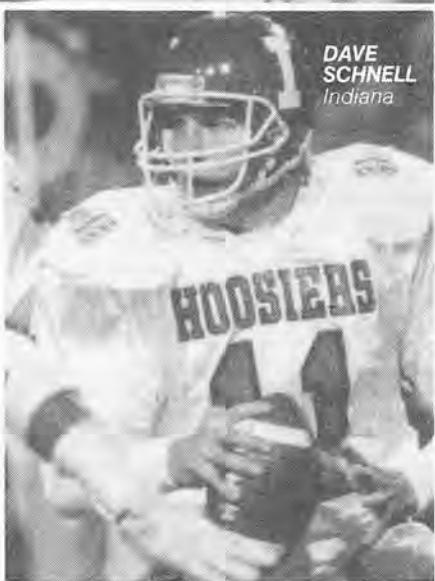
It is on defense where the Buckeyes slipped the most and where there is the most work to be done. Still, all is not gloom and doom. There are four returning players with starting experience in the backfield, including



BOB KULA
Michigan State



PERCY SNOW
Michigan State



DAVE SCHNELL
Indiana

Derek Isaman, who once lost a decision to Mike Tyson in an amateur boxing match, was a starting linebacker as a sophomore, then a backup to Mike McCray as a junior on a unit that was generally thought to be the best in the country. He skipped last season in an attempt to make the Olympic boxing team. Now he's back and should step into John Sullivan's spot inside. Replacing nose guard Mike Sullivan will be Pat Thomas (6-1, 239), who had one start last year and enjoyed his best game in the final against Michigan, when he had 10 tackles and a fumble recovery. Mike Showalter (6-4, 265), who missed the entire Big Ten campaign with an ankle injury, is back to reclaim his spot at defensive end.

Kicker Pat O'Morrow was 17-for-22 last year and never missed inside the 49. Ohio State finished the season on an unbeaten, tying Iowa in Iowa City and barely falling to Michigan, 34-31. That should be the springboard to a much better and more typical year in 1989.



CARLOS JENKINS
Michigan State

job. The Spartans have never emphasized the pass under Perles and now that All-America receiver Andre Rison has gone, they may use it even less. Rison caught 39 balls for 961 yards, a glittering 24.6 average last year. No one else on the squad caught more than 10.

But with Ezor leading the way, Michigan State's ground game will be effective again, presuming the offensive line jells. Ezor, who had a 250-yard day against Indiana, is less than 200 yards behind Steve Smith, No. 2 on the Spartans' all-time rushing list. Not only that, Perles is hip-deep in backups at tailback. Perles had already planned to make extensive use of Hyland Hickson (74-385) and Scott Selzer (64-339) to spell Ezor. Then he got a look at redshirt freshman Tico Duckett and immediately added his name to the list.

It is defense that defines a George Perles' team, and this should be another good one. The Spartans have led the conference in rushing defense and scoring defense the last two years, and Perles, with his unique stunt 4-3, has turned out good defenses even when he didn't have All-America players. This year he has one for sure in linebacker Percy Snow, and another possible in defensive tackle Travis Davis (6-3, 276). Snow, who has bulked up to 240 pounds, was a Butkus Award finalist as a junior and should be one of the favorites this year. Davis has registered 19 sacks and 31 tackles for loss in his career and is moving in on the school's all-time leader in those categories, Larry Bethea.

Perles must replace two starters from the defensive line, but "I'm comfortable with [it]," he said. "We have a lot of people there, especially after playing as many as nine people last season." The other returning starter is end Matt Vanderbeek (6-4, 249). Snow and returning outside backer Carlos Jenkins make linebacking a strength, but they will miss Kurt Larson, the other outside backer, who had eight interceptions. Another big-play man missing will be strong safety John Miller, who picked off 14 passes over his last three years.

One worry that Perles won't have this season is his kicking game. He feared that Greg Montgomery would be irreplaceable, but freshman Josh Butland stepped up to average 41.8 yards per punt and John Langeloh nailed a respectable 18 of his 27 field-goal attempts, including 4-for-8 beyond 40.

INDIANA

(8-3-1, 5-3) The Hoosiers are standing at a fork in the road. One way lies continued progress, the other a return to the dismal past. Indiana has gone to three consecutive bowl games under Bill Mallory and has three of the leading skill-position players in the Big Ten. But the rest is a mystery. Has Mallory quietly been stockpiling talent that can step right in to form a new offensive line and virtually an entire defense? Or has he constructed a house of cards that will collapse now that the underpinnings are gone?

The answer to that question is of vital importance because it will determine the direction Indiana football will take for years to come. If the Hoosiers can keep on ticking after losing four or five offensive-line starters plus a pair of experienced tight ends, then Mallory truly has brought them into a position where they can challenge for the championship on a consistent basis. That is a big if, however, despite the presence of one of the top quarterbacks in

free safety David Brown and cornerback Zack Dumas, who is moving to strong safety. The Sullivan twins, Mike and John, have graduated, but Cooper welcomes back a pair of defensive stalwarts who should compensate quite nicely.

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the conference and a legitimate Heisman Trophy hopeful in tailback Anthony Thompson.

Thompson had a Heisman Trophy-like season in 1988 when he rushed for 1,686 yards and a league-record 26 touchdowns. He holds all of Indiana's single-season and career rushing records. "Anthony Thompson is by far the best running back we've ever seen in years and years and years," praised Iowa coach Hayden Fry. Thompson ranked second nationally in scoring and third in rushing last season, made several first-team All-Americans, and was the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. But he also had a veteran offensive line to block for him, a line that had one first-team and two second-team all-conference performers. The only returnee on the line is senior center Ron Vargo (6-2, 274).

If the line can develop quickly, Indiana will have one of the more explosive offenses in the country, with Thompson and Cal Miller (50-277) doing the running and Dave Schnell (119-225-13, 1,877 yards, 9 TDs) doing the throwing. Schnell also ran for 307 yards and five touchdowns. The Hoosiers have been blessed with gifted receivers of late. Tony Bufford has gone, but they still have Rob Turner (36-814, 8 TDs). Turner had a brilliant Liberty Bowl against South Carolina in which he netted 182 yards in receptions. Even though he has only one other defensive starter returning, Mallory has moved linebacker Terry Saunders to tight end, where he played two years ago. The Hoosiers lost two standout blocking tight ends in Tim Jorden and Carlos Marte.

One of the most critical problems will be to replace all-Big Ten place-kicker Pete Stoyanovich, who was 11-for-11 inside the 40 last year and 17-for-24 overall.

Indiana has always been suspect on defense and will be again until proved otherwise. Only Michael Dumas, rated by Mallory "as

ANTHONY THOMPSON
Indiana



good a cornerback as any in the Big Ten," returns as a starter and just three other players have had appreciable playing time. Joe Zeigler, who has seen considerable action at safety, is switching to cornerback. Tackle Nolan Harrison (6-6, 264) and linebacker Paul Williams are the only others with experience.

MINNESOTA

(2-7-2, 0-6-2) Gopher coach John Gutekunst is said to be under the gun after his team went winless in the last eight games of 1988. It was a difficult season, with the shadow of controversy hanging over the team in the wake of an

athletic-department scandal that exploded into daily front-page headlines. Although none of the current squad members was implicated, the atmosphere was not conducive to total concentration. The difficulties were compounded immediately in the season opener when linebacker Jon Leverenz, whom the Gophers had been boasting as an All-America, went down with a knee injury and missed the entire year.

Although he did not participate in spring drills, Leverenz is expected back in the fall, and that gives the Gophers some hope. Despite their dismal record, the Gophers have some quality players. If the chemistry is right, they could contend for one of the lower rungs in the first division. With a year's experience under his belt, sophomore quarterback Scott Schaffner (1,234 yards, 7 TDs) should be better than he was in '88, which wasn't all that bad. He has an exciting receiver to throw to in Chris Gaiters (42-564), who also is one of the country's best return men.

The real focus of the offense is the running game featuring Darrell Thompson. He failed to gain 1,000 yards for the first time in his three seasons at Minnesota, but Thompson did gain 910 and is the Gopher's all-time rushing leader. He needs only three more touchdowns to tie Marion Barber for the career lead in that category as well. With Octavius Gould (77-326) returning at fullback, Minnesota should have a solid running game—provided that the offensive line has improved. The good news is that four starters are coming back, although only guard J.J. Lennon (6-2, 271) was impressive a year ago. The bad news is that there are no centers with any experience.

Defensively, if Leverenz is sound he'll anchor an outstanding group of linebackers, a traditional strength at Minnesota. Mac Stephens, who led the team with 119 tackles, and Ron Goetz, an honorable mention all-Big Ten who racked up 117 tackles, return. Ends Skeeter Akre (6-6, 230) and Mike Sunvold (6-4, 250) are back, but both tackles must be replaced. Sophomore safety Sean Lumpkin is the key in the secondary.

One area that doesn't concern Gutekunst is punting, where Brent Herbel returns for his fourth season. Except for the home opener against Nebraska, the Gophers have a favorable early schedule in which to grow.

NORTHWESTERN

(2-8-1, 2-5-1) Wildcat coach Francis Peay took his first vacation in three years this summer, and that's as good an indication as any of the optimism with which he faces the new season. "In the past our situation was tenuous," he says. "I was afraid to leave. There were so many loose ends I was afraid disaster might strike at any time."

Northwestern football has been a disaster for years, but under Peay there has been some sunshine among the gray clouds. The gloom should dissipate a little more this season with 14 starters back from a team that was improving at year's end. The first item of business will be to settle on a quarterback. Peay does not appear that concerned, because if reserve fifth-year senior Tim O'Brien can't cut it, he has two exciting frosh prospects in Len Williams and Chris Pietrangeli. Williams, Peay claims, also has the ability to play either running-back position, but will be given a shot at quarterback first. "Pietrangeli is one of the top

quarterbacks in the country," said Peay.

Whoever gets the job should have adequate protection, with three offensive-line starters returning and plenty of good receivers. The Wildcats return their top six receivers of a year ago, led by junior Richard Buchanan (41-514, 6 TDs). Although 1,000-yard rusher Byron Sanders, like his Heisman Trophy-winning brother, Barry, opted for the NFL draft, the Wildcats still should be alright at tailback with junior Bob Christian (98-413). Christian also caught 22 passes for 294 yards and led the team with seven touchdowns. Senior Steve Rosholt, used primarily as a blocker in his nine starts last year, will probably be the fullback, but sophomore Butch Newhouse, recovering from a stress fracture in his back, is also a possibility.

Defensively, the big problem is at nose guard, where Mike Baum's shoes might be too big for any of the holdovers to fill. Junior



JON LEVERENZ
Minnesota

Dan Freveletti (6-1, 255), who started five games at inside linebacker a year ago, is the No. 1 candidate. Elsewhere on the line starters Darryl Ashmore (6-7, 265) and John Broeker (6-4, 252) are back and Peay is excited about incoming freshman Jim Zajicek (6-3, 245). Veteran linebackers Thomas Homco and Matt Witt return, as do three of the four defensive backs.

In senior Ira Adler, Peay has one of the top place-kickers in the conference—and he doesn't have to play Michigan. No wonder Peay decided there was time for a vacation.

PURDUE

(4-7, 3-5) Just when the Purdue quarterback factory seemed to be back in production after taking a couple of years off for retooling, foreman Fred Akers was hit by a wildcat strike. The school that brought you Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, and Jim Everett took the wraps off its newest model last year and he was pronounced a success. But when Akers tried to make a minor adjustment to his offensive scheme, Brian Fox took a walk. Akers decided to have his quarterbacks operate out of a moving pocket instead of dropping back and Fox, who was only 17 years old on the day he threw for three touchdowns in a shocking upset at Ohio State, announced he was transferring at the end of spring drills.

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freshman Jeff Lesniewicz, one of the most hotly recruited quarterbacks of two years ago. Letnich won the starting job, and Akers hopes he can now focus his attention on a glitch in the offense that has persisted for several seasons. The Boilermakers averaged only 88 yards a game rushing last year. Jarrett Scales, whose 362 yards—that's for a season, not a game—led the squad, is being switched to strong safety. The leading returning rusher is sophomore Ray Graham (45-143).

But the offense could be improved with a veteran line, augmented by the switch of four defensive players, including starting tackle Bill Hitchcock (6-6, 290), to the unit. Only center Bruce Crites must be replaced. Letnich's primary target will be speedy senior Calvin Williams (37-479), but seldom-targeted Curtis McManus (6-51) is the fastest man on the squad and a potential deep threat. Tight end Dwayne O'Connor (24-276) also returns.

The defense at times was very good last year, but all too often it was horrid. Akers believes it will be better this season as it matures into his system. There was nothing wrong with Purdue's pass defense in 1988, which led the Big Ten and ranked fourth nationally. But honorable mention All-America free safety Marc Foster graduated, as did strong safety Ronnie Beeks. Scales will fill Beeks's shoes, and while there are no Fosters on the horizon, there are two incumbent cornerbacks, so the secondary could be a strength again.

So could the linebacking corps, which is led by middle backer Darrin Trieb, second-team all-Big Ten after transferring from Iowa State. The line will not be as barren as it might appear. Junior end Donzel Leggett (6-5, 228) is a big-play man who had five tackles for loss. A player to watch is soph Frank Kmet (6-4, 260), one of the top stars of his prep class.

The punting should be solid, with Shawn McCarthy returned to the position full-time. He

was the starting quarterback for the first three games last year after being recruited strictly as a punter.

WISCONSIN

(1-10, 1-7) Don Morton was under siege in 1988 when the Badgers suffered their worst season in 20 years and attendance began to plummet. Wisconsin averaged only 49,297 a game and never came close to filling its 76,293 capacity stadium. Only three years ago Morton beat out Dennis Erickson for the Wisconsin job. Now Erickson is coaching national power Miami and Morton is fighting for his career. Things change.

The thing that may change most is Wisconsin's offense. Morton spent the offseason picking the brains of, among others, Erickson and Mouse Davis, the father of the run-and-shoot offense. The Badgers may not be ready to put it up that often, but they are definitely going to "veer" in another direction. Morton was criticized long and loud last year for the veer-option offense that produced an average of only 265 yards a game, just 115 of them in the air. He contended there was nothing wrong with the concept, just the execution, but nevertheless spent the spring putting in a one-back offense with some characteristics of the run-and-shoot. He was not juking the veer totally. "We won't be as committed to it as we have been in the past," he said.

backs, Marvin Artley and Steve Vinci, who graduated. The chief beneficiary of the new scheme could be running back Freddie Owens, who will be the slotback or "R-back" in the one-back offense. The lone returning starters on the line, tackle Brady Pierce (6-7, 288) and guard Joe Magazzeni (6-7, 287), lettered for the first time last year. The line traditionally is a Badger strength, but not this time.

Defensively, there is more to work with, although the Badgers' best player, David Wings, is gone. The top returning defender is Dan Kissling, who plays as a combination defensive end/outside linebacker in the mode of the Miami Dolphins' old 53 defense. There are nine players returning who started at one time or another last year, but there is vast room for improvement on a team that yielded 391 yards per game through the air.

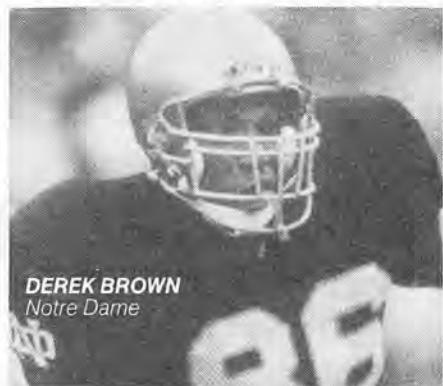
The Badgers have to open with Miami, and their first Big Ten game is at Michigan, so nothing is going to come easy. It could be another long year for Morton, and if he doesn't improve the record at least a little, it could also be his last.

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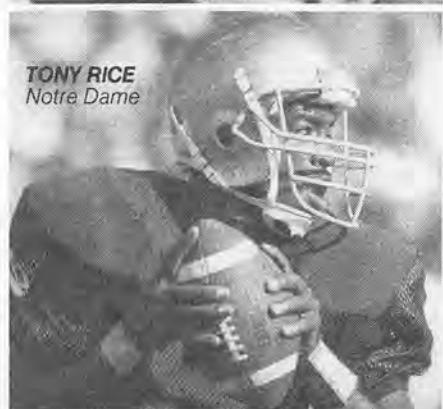
NOTRE DAME

(12-0) The Fighting Irish brought back the echoes of past glory in 1988, winning a national championship that was as unexpected as a sudden summer storm. Expectations are much higher this year with 16 starters returning. But the results are by no means guaranteed to be the same.

Head coach Lou Holtz acknowledges that his team has "a chance to be a better football team than last year, based on our personnel and our experience." Many of the starters on both lines received on-the-job training a year ago. They're seasoned veterans now, seasoned in the art of winning. "But who knows if this year's team will have the same work hab-



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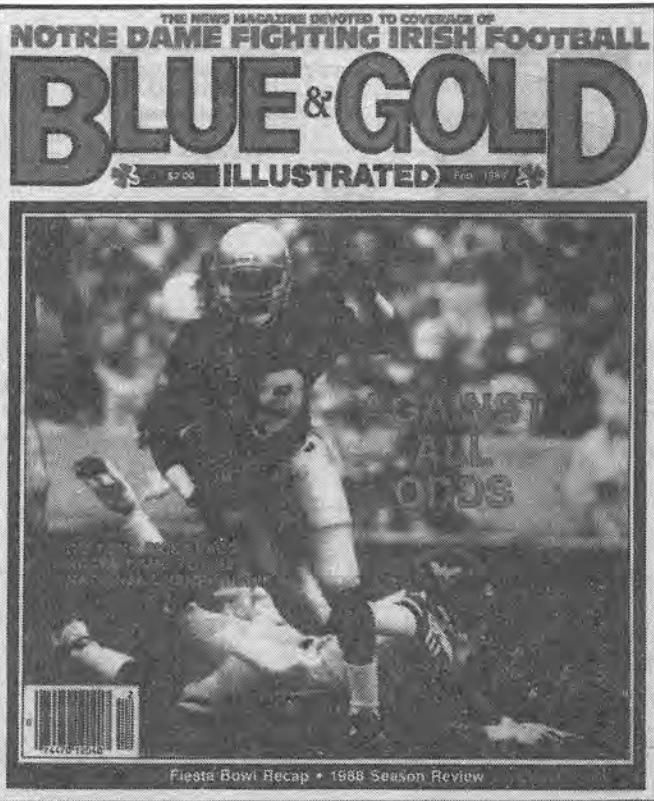
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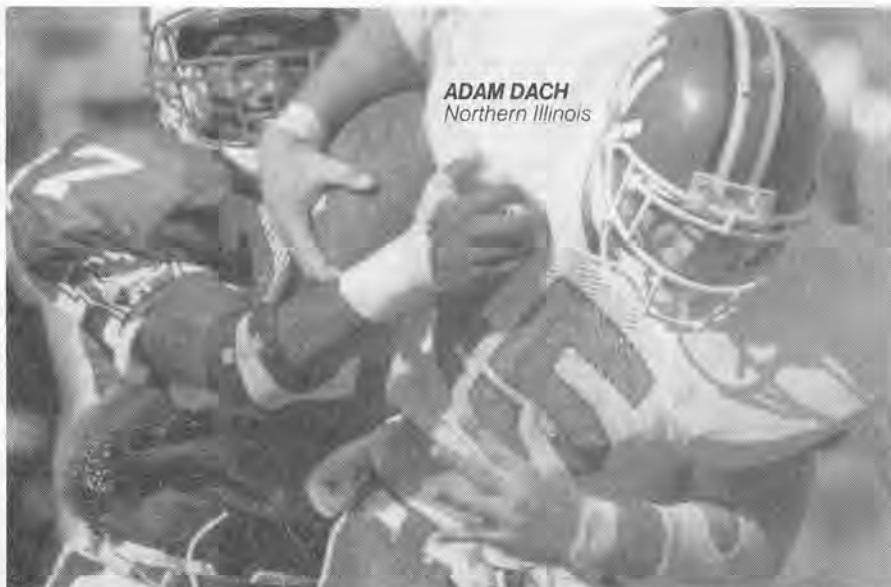
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its?" frets Holtz. "Who knows if the commitment will be the same? Who knows what the chemistry will be like?"

The chemistry may already be out of balance as a result of two incidents last winter involving key performers. Linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, who was a Butkus Award finalist, suffered a broken kneecap and dislocated hip in an auto accident. A few days later, tailback Tony Brooks was charged with hit-and-run driving and subsequently left school. Stonebreaker was expected to be back in the fall, but doctors could give no 100 percent assurances. Brooks's participation, while not ruled out completely, was extremely doubtful. He rushed for 667 yards, second only to quarterback Tony Rice's 700. His absence leaves Holtz without an experienced tailback. So Ricky Watters, who had reluctantly switched from tailback to flanker in an attempt to replace the irreplaceable Tim Brown, moves back to tailback. When backup quarterback Kent Graham decided to transfer, Holtz had another reason to worry.

Don't waste too many tears on Holtz's plight, however. He's loaded at fullback with Anthony Johnson (69-282, 5 TDs), Braxton Banks (31-129), and Rodney Culver (30-195, 3 TDs). Only Andy Heck is missing from the offensive line that developed quickly into an efficient unit. With the year's experience it should only get better. Holtz also worries about his receivers. Watters led the team with a meager 15 catches, but quality, not quantity, was the hallmark of the Irish passing game. Five receivers averaged at least 17 yards a catch, led by Raghib "Rocket" Ishmail's glittering 27.6. Ishmail also returned two kickoffs all the way in the same game. Tight end Derek Brown (12-150, 3 TDs) had an outstanding freshman year. The underrated Rice is the man who makes the Irish go. Not a great passer, he still completed 50 percent of his throws and accounted for 17 touchdowns with his running and passing.

The defense was the year-long pillar that held up the temple. It will be again. The entire front three returns, including All-America nose tackle Chris Zorich (6-1, 268). Outside linebackers Frank Stams and Flash Gordon are gone, but senior John Foley (6-3, 236) should be back after missing last season with a nerve

injury in his biceps. The Irish would be hurting inside if Stonebreaker were not up to par but Ned Bolcar, back for a fifth season, will step in to plug one spot. The backfield is missing George Streeter, an outstanding strong safety, but it is deep at the other three positions. Reggie Ho, the short-range place-kicker of last year, is gone but Billy Hackett, the long-distance field-goal man will expand his repertoire.

The thing that should concern Holtz more than chemistry is the schedule. The Irish admittedly needed a bit of luck to beat both Michigan and Miami at home last year. This time both games are on the road.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

(7-4) The Huskies are off the "Marshall" plan this year and there is plenty of anxiety in DeKalb. Can a wishbone team that relied on the wizardry of quarterback Marshall Taylor for four years go it alone? They'll find out in a hurry, since the first road game is at Nebraska on September 9.

By then, coach Jerry Pettibone will have found someone to replace Taylor, who generated 6,138 yards of total offense over the last four seasons. Taylor did not have an outstanding senior year after breaking a leg in his final game as a junior. But he had his moments. The Huskies defeated a Big Ten team for the first time ever when they knocked over Wisconsin in Madison. They were leading Minnesota going into the final quarter. They beat Mid-American Conference champ Western Michigan to close out the season.

If they can replace Taylor, there is no reason to believe 1989 will not be as productive. "This is probably the best returning talent we've had since I've been here," said Pettibone. "There's only one position on our team where we don't have an experienced player." Quarterback, of course. None of the returning quarterbacks completed a pass last year, but then, the Huskies were not a passing team. They need a quarterback who can run the option and hand off to brilliant sophomore fullback Adam Dach, who ran for 906 yards. Determined to be even better this year, Dach was named the Huskies' "Top Dog" for his efforts in the weight room in the offseason. Up front, the Huskies lose only Bob Montel, but he was their best offensive lineman.

On defense, Northern Illinois played the run well and was noted for its goal-line stand. The key returning player is inside linebacker Ron Delisi, whose 171 tackles last year ranked fifth in Division I-A. The Huskies expect him to contend for All-America honors. The pass defense was shaky at times, but there are two returning starters and several experienced backups with which to rebuild the secondary.

One enormous plus is John Ivanic, who connected on 15 of 19 field goals last year, including two last-minute game-winners.

CINCINNATI

(3-8) Tim Murphy must be a "Bear" for punishment. The 32-year-old coach, the second-youngest in Division I-A, left the Maine Black Bears, where he had two years of success, to take over a Bearcat program that is close to rock bottom. Dave Currey finally threw in the towel after five years of trying to compete against a schedule that is annually just too tough for a marginal program like Cincinnati's.

It gets no easier for Murphy, who was 15-7 in two seasons at Maine. The Bearcats, for instance, will see the inside of their home stadium just once in a two-month stretch from September 16 to November 11. They play six of seven games on the road in that period. Included on the itinerary are stops at Miami and West Virginia, teams ranked No. 2 and 3 in the country going into the bowls last year.

Nor does the new coach find himself with a wealth of leftover talent. A traditionally strong passing team, the Bearcats have no returning receivers and a line that must be rebuilt. Tackle Rob Hausfeld (6-6, 270) is the only truly experienced lineman returning. Guard John Arena (6-3, 240) and center Tom Lawson (6-3, 250) are still learning after being shifted from defense last year. Murphy will have two experienced quarterbacks to choose from. Glenn Farkas (1,279 yards, 8 TDs) started the first eight games in '88 and sophomore Don Hoog (628 yards, 4 TDs) started the last three. Hoog has the stronger arm. Both could be pressed by redshirt freshman Brian Schipani. Terry Strong (85-347) is the only returning runner.

Defensively, the Bearcats are in a little better shape, although they lost three front-line starters. The strength this season will be in the linebacking and secondary. The top two tacklers, linebackers Jack Bruscianni and Ron Traut return, and Kyle Stroh has been switched from defensive end to outside linebacker in the 3-4 alignment Murphy is using to try to maximize his talent. Three of the four starters are back in the secondary.

Murphy plunged right into the recruiting wars, and some of his first crop could play a lot as freshmen, including running backs Rod Hudson and Kameron Williams.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

(4-7) Head coach Jim Tressel hopes to recover the form that saw Youngstown State earn a I-AA playoff bid just two years ago. The Penguins open the season on the road, first against Maine and a week later at Eastern Michigan. But seven of the remaining nine games, including the final four, are at home.

The emphasis is on speed. "This might be as fast a defensive squad as I've ever been around," said Tressel. The linebackers—James Ringfield, Kevin Brown, Mike Cochran, and Ron Brown—are the nucleus of the unit. The line features Andre Peterson, Pat Danko,

and Lawrence Mitchell. Chris Gamble, who opened last season at quarterback, has been shifted to the secondary.

Offensively, tailback Lorenzo Davis, the team's leading rusher and No. 2 receiver, has been moved to wideout. Leo Hawkins had two 100-yard rushing efforts as a freshman in 1988. Frank Edie is the front-runner at quarterback. The line returns Tony Dunn, Don Svec, and John Bleshoy.

Darren Morgan led the Penguins in scoring as a freshman. He converted 12 of 17 field-goal attempts and 16 of 18 extra points.

AKRON

(5-6) Entering his fourth year as head coach of the Zips, Gerry Faust is excited about the approaching season. Nothing new about that. "Our improvement in 1988 was unbelievable, especially over the last five games," said the coach. Hard to tell that by the score sheet. Those five games were framed by losses—by 42 points to Auburn and by 20 points to Temple. In between, though, were three victories. Faust has a senior-heavy squad that should put him (16-17) and the Zips back over .500.

The backfield returns intact. It is led by Doug Lewis, the top rusher (609 yards) a year ago, and Derek Alston, the leading rusher in '87. Bob Singletary is the fullback. Quarterback Mike Johnson threw for 2,170 yards and 15 touchdowns. His two favorite receivers are on hand in Leonard Thomas (44 catches for 654 yards) and wideout Tracy Ellerbe. Four regulars are back in the line: Tim Marconi, Jon Susi, Brett Jackson, and Mike O'Connor (who sat out spring drills following surgery).

Four-year starter Pierce Joiner will be joined on the defensive line by three-year starter Scott Brown. Kentucky transfer Gary Ralston and freshman redshirt John Cornelius will contribute. Outside linebackers Terry Mays (10 sacks) and Curtis Williams return with Steve Englehart and Mike Rahach, who had surgery, on the inside. The secondary features Shannon Wolfe and Shawn Vincent.

The Zips have plenty of kick, thanks to punter Bill Rudison (41.6-yard career average) and Bill Dombroski (school-record 190 points and 40 field goals).

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EASTERN KENTUCKY

Thirty-four lettermen, including 11 starters, may be modest totals, but the Colonels always have an abundance of well-primed talent just out of sight.

Tim Lester, who gained 1,239 yards as a freshman fullback, may get a shot at tailback as the replacement for Elroy Harris, Eastern's all-time rushing and scoring leader (4,555 yards and 58 TDs). Last year alone, Harris had 1,998 yards and 27 touchdowns, but he has left college early for the pro ranks. Returning quarterback Lorenzo Fields completed 63 percent of his passes and ran for 418 yards. His best receiver is Randy Bohler (34 catches). Other offensive standouts are tackles Brooks Dalrymple and Al Jacevicius and guards John Holmes and Mark Mitchell.

Linebacker Chris Coffey, who led the league in tackles, heads a defensive unit that is strong up front. Bernard Rhodes and Greg McKee will be the tackles and Toby Gilbert and Ernest Thompson will share time at nose guard. Robbie Andrews, who had four interceptions, anchors the secondary.

The OVC champion Colonels were 11-3 last season, losing in the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs to Georgia Southern.

MURRAY STATE

Once again the Racers' hopes will ride the 6-4, 205-pound frame of senior quarterback Michael Proctor, owner of the Ohio Valley career total-offense record and on line to break its passing record. Proctor led Murray State in passing (1,987) and rushing (515) yardage last season, the first year in which Murray ran a wishbone offense. A 50 percent career passer, he fell off to 48 percent as a junior as the Racers lost their first five games. But Murray won four of its last five, the exception being an overtime loss to Tennessee Tech. Earlier the Racers lost to Southeast Missouri on a last-second field goal. Murray State has quality offensive tackles in Eric Crigler and Richard Watson; Keith Askin, a former walk-on, is a solid guard. Proctor's receivers are led by

Glen Arterburn, who had 30 catches for 578 yards. James Huff added 22 receptions for 370 yards. Michael Davis and newcomer Patrick White will be the tailbacks.

Junior-college transfers James Lewis and Corey Lee need to contribute to the defensive line, but Danny Amato offers linebacking strength and Shelton Burruss's move from linebacker to safety will strengthen the secondary, which lost four starters. Jamie Lowicz had 98 tackles as an end.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The Blue Raiders allowed but 247 yards a game, leading all Division I-AA schools in pass defense (90.8). Seven starters must be replaced on that unit. "We've got a chance to be pretty good on offense," said coach Boots Donnelly. "We think we have some defensive talent, but it's almost totally unproven."

An even bigger problem for the 11-year MTSU coach is replacing four-year starter Marvin Collier at quarterback. Tennessee transfer Phil Ironside, Collier's backup in '88, is the most likely successor with soph Jeff Taylor a challenger. Except for Collier, Middle Tennessee retains all its offensive starters, including tailback Joe Campbell and fullback Wade Johnson. Vince Parks and Melvin James will be favorite targets of Ironside. The line features Ricky Mitchell, Tony Leonard, Mike Nihill, and Leroy Gifford.

The Blue Raiders are coming off a 7-4 season in which they tied for second in the OVC.

TENNESSEE STATE

Joe Gilliam Sr., who once spent 20 years as a Tennessee State assistant but who had been out of coaching for five years, takes control of the Tigers' bid to improve on a 3-7-1 record. Gilliam keeps eight starters on defense and six on offense. His best player may be Anthony Pleasant, who had 14 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. He also has a stellar linebacker in Ryan Crockett, the Tigers' top returning tackler. Other defenders back are linemen Chuck Price and Robert Porcher and backs Joe Stone, Tony Stargell, Roger Jones, and Anthony Shelton. Linebacker Rod Reed and back Ben Robinson were major losses.

Chauncey Hines and Ben Brown, seniors with some starting experience, will compete for the quarterback job. Their receivers will include Patrick Robinson, Alvin Griffin, Romannie Marsalis, Anthony Owens, and Marcus Dowdell. David Sadler is the tailback, James Reese the fullback, with Tim Cross and Victor Winfrey in the wings. Barry Nixon and Gerald Hall are the most experienced offensive linemen.

TENNESSEE TECH

The Golden Eagles' 1-10 record could be traced partly to injuries, the most serious of which was a broken arm suffered by quarterback Thomas DeBow in the season's eighth game. By that time, DeBow had passed for 1,213 yards in a run-and-shoot offense. Reportedly, he has recovered fully.

When Tennessee Tech does run the football, sophomore Fred Lowery and redshirt freshman Mike Stewart will be the tailbacks. Newcomer Billy Shackelford has the edge at fullback. DeBow's receivers include Sam Brooks, Marc Campbell, and Marshall Hale. Former safety Mark Wattenbarger will be the tight end. The line needs reinforcing, some of



TIM LESTER
Eastern
Kentucky

which will come from Jo Jo Swafford's move from defense. John Jones, who started as a freshman, is a key blocker.

Linebackers Gerald Dossett and Norman Drake were the Golden Eagles' top two tacklers and return with down linemen Curtis Hisam and Marlon Placide. Unfortunately, the secondary will be entirely new.

AUSTIN PEAY

The Governors started as many as eight freshmen on offense with predictable results: a 3-8 record in Paul Brewster's first season as coach. Brewster hopes a season of weight training will pay off for current sophomores Darral Wright, Jaime Hagan, Kevin Holbert, Kenneth Thacker, and Mark Swafford.

Senior offensive guard Jim Treest missed several games and senior tackle Larry Ford sat out all of the 1988 season with knee injuries. They'll perform in front of quarterback Tony Policare, whose targets will include Sammy Golston, who played four positions in 1988. Mike Lewis, a 1,000-yard runner in 1986, is back from a season of ineligibility.

Austin Peay's best defensive lineman is Calvin Johnson, who will be supported by Jamie Maslar and Darryl Hamilton. Randy Murphree will start at one linebacker and Steve Tyson will contend with junior-college transfer Todd Conway for another spot. The secondary includes Jason Jackson, a starter last season as a freshman; Sidney Mitchell, Steve McGhee, and Harold Barnwell.

MOREHEAD STATE

The Eagles' hopes of improving a 3-8 record rest with junior quarterback Chris Swartz, who completed 55 percent of 359 passes for 2,162 yards. Now at 3,888 yards for his career, Swartz is within range of former Morehead quarterback Phil Simms's career record of 5,545 yards. Among his favorite receivers are Jerome Williams (47 catches for 367 yards), Ty Howard (52 for 695), and John Irwin (40 for 542). Williams not only led Morehead State in receptions, but in rushing at 3.8 yards a carry. Otherwise, the Eagles have little potency on the ground. Tackles James Appel and Mike Gildea return and Alabama transfer Walter Underwood should be the center.

The best of the defenders are linebackers Jim Jackson, Doug Bowell, David Gifford, and Darrel Beavers.

mid-american conference

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Veteran coach Herb Deromedi enters his 12th year with the Chippewas with a 68 percent winning percentage that probably won't fall off this season. He has nine starters returning on offense and eight on defense from a 7-4 team that tied for third in the MAC.

Central Michigan lost guard Chuck Pellegrini and tackle Brian Smallbone as offensive starters, but keeps its entire starting backfield. Quarterback Jeff Bender was the MAC Freshman of the Year after completing 55 percent of his passes with only nine interceptions. Running back Donnie Riley, who played behind all-conference rusher John Hood in '87, emerged to average 113 yards on the ground and become the MAC's No. 2 rusher. He gained 243 yards against Akron and 212 against Ohio. Hood is still in the fold, as is fifth-year senior Mark Hopkins at tight end.

The defense has depth and is led by all-MAC outside linebacker Mark Dennis. J.J. Wierenga and Dave Deleka anchor the line, with Rich Curtiss back at inside linebacker and David Johnson and Ralph Newland returning in the secondary.

BALL STATE

The Cardinals lost their chance for the California Bowl with a 16-13 loss to Western Michigan late in the season. But only nine points separated Ball State from an undefeated season. In addition to losing six offensive starters, the Cardinals must replace four defensive regulars. However, the return of several key people—including running back Bernie Parmalee and tight end Eugene Riley, both all-MAC players—give coach Paul Schudel a good nucleus.



Parmalee, a junior, could end his career with the conference's all-time rushing record. He ran for 747 yards in '88 after a 1,064-yard freshman season. Riley (6-3, 230) caught 41 passes despite missing more than two games with an injury. His 4.6 catches per game led the league. Ball State also retains quarterback David Riley, who completed 64 percent of his passes for 1,886 yards with just nine interceptions in 263 attempts.

Schudel is seeking replacements for three starters in the offensive line, but his defense is anchored by linebacker Greg Garnica, twice the MAC Defensive Player of the Year. Ball State keeps Ralph Wize at tackle and Andre Barnett and David Haugh in the secondary. Place-kicker Kenny Stucker and punter Donnie Mullens also return.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Jim Harkema's reconstruction program suffered only a minor setback in 1988, finishing second after the Hurons had captured their first MAC championship the previous season. Eastern Michigan was 6-3-1, with a 5-2-1 mark within the league. Harkema is in his seventh season at Ypsilanti after taking over a seemingly hopeless situation. He claims eight regulars back on defense and six on offense, but his entire receiving corps is missing.

Tom Sullivan is a veteran quarterback who completed 56 percent of his passes but threw 13 interceptions in 205 attempts. Brothers Bob and Perry Foster return at tailback, where Bob averaged 4.5 yards per carry. Charles Nash is an experienced fullback.

Six of the front seven return on defense: linebackers Brad Schmidt, Dean Nessen, and Scott Wyka; tackles Mike Bass and Herman Baine, and end Donshell English. Charles Gordon and John Stoitsiadis offer experience in the secondary, where Jim Colosimo and Tom Menard are missing from the unit that helped the Hurons lead the conference in passing defense. Place-kicker Tim Hennehan is still around.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

If nothing else, the odds are against the defending champion Broncos. No MAC champion has repeated since Central Michigan in 1979, and there have been eight different schools claim the crown in the past 11 years.

Minus quarterback Tony Kimbrough's passing, Western Michigan will rely more on its defense, which returns eight starters. Joel Smeenge, a two-time all-MAC end, is the best of that lot; Doug Kraus and Paul Johnson are solid tackles and Paul DeVries and Seal Muhern provide strength at linebacker.

The offensive losses are staggering, however. The six departures include five who received all-conference mention. Coach Al Molde must come up with an adequate quarterback to throw to twins Allan and Bruce Boyko and Paul Agema. Bruce Boyko's 44 receptions last season led the MAC and Agema had 37 catches for a team-high 486 yards and averaged 13 yards per catch.

TOLEDO

The Rockets' 6-5 record was highlighted by a fast finish in which they closed with five wins and a one-point loss in their final six outings. With eight defensive starters returning, coach Dan Simrell can concentrate his worrying on the heavily depleted offensive line.

Tackle Craig Kuligowski is the only starter back in the offensive front, behind which quarterback Mark Melfi and tailback Neil Trotter will operate. Toledo keeps most of its receiving corps, led by wideouts Romualdo Brown and Rick Isaiah and tight end Jerry Evans.

Simrell must replace two fine linebackers in Tom Gruno and Mike McCreary. Free safety Jon Bowsher, who had five interceptions, also is gone. But the defense retains tackles Doug Spidel and Tony Hirsel, end Phil Brown, and strong safety Keith Saunders.

The Rockets need to find a place-kicker to stand in for Bruce Nichols, who made 15 of 17 field-goal attempts in '88.

BOWLING GREEN

The Falcons hope the return of quarterback Rich Dakin, who missed the final six games of the '88 season with a broken wrist, will be enough for them to reverse a 2-8-1 record that was one of the school's worst ever.

Bowling Green was the last in the MAC in rushing offense and next to last in total offense, and the problem was complicated by an eighth-place ranking in total defense. But coach Moe Ankney should profit from eight returning starters on both sides of the football. Dakin will have a veteran corps of receivers in Reggie Thornton, Ron Heard, and Kyle Hockman. And tailback Charles Edgerton is being counted on to improve the rushing game.

Four veterans will line up in the Falcons' defensive front, including tackle Derrick Carr. Duane Crenshaw and Toy Eason return as linebackers and Terry Wilson and Mike

Holmes stay on in the secondary. An added plus will be punter Cris Shale and place-kicker Jason Zeller.

KENT STATE

The Golden Flashes were a model of inconsistency in 1988, opening with two wins and closing with two more. Otherwise, Kent's 45-28 rout of league champion Western Michigan was its lone success in a seven-game string.

Second-year coach Dick Crum has revamped the offense, moving former quarterback Patrick Young to running back to replace Eric Wilkerson, whose 120 yards per game led the MAC in rushing. Wilkerson also was a clutch receiver and averaged 173 all-purpose yards per game. Sophomore Joe Dalpra will get a good look at quarterback and P.J. Allen will see heavy duty as a runner. Chad Coffman and Mark Stroia are the best returning blockers in the line.

The defense returns seven starters, including linebackers John Massimiani, Andrew Harmon, and L.D. Hartman. Backs J.D. Barnes and Paul Haynes offer experience.

OHIO

The long-time doormats of the Mid-American came to life in '88, finishing 4-6-1 overall and 4-3-1 within the conference. What's more, coach Cleve Bryant's Bobcats will have the most experienced team in the league. All 11 starters return on defense, but improvement is still needed there. The Bobcats gave up at least three touchdowns in eight of their games, including 42-point yields to Bowling Green and Central Michigan. The defense will be built around inside linebackers David Terry and Bill Garrett, outside linebacker Ed Shy, end John Evangelista, and backs Tim Pringle, Devlin Culliver, and Larry Hargrove.

Ohio needs replacements for J.D. Bradbury and Brian Faut in the offensive line and was hit hard at the wideouts by the loss of four players. But it keeps Byron Cross, a 6-0, 165-pounder, who was the Bobcats' leading receiver. Bryant has six regulars back on offense, including quarterback Anthony Thornton and running back Andrew Greer, the MAC's No. 4 rusher.

MIAMI

After finishing no worse than second the three previous years, the Redskins stupefied the league by going 0-10-1, the worst season ever for a proud Miami program. Coach Tim Rose has 42 lettermen back as he tries to pick up the pieces of a broken campaign. The Redskins never recovered from back-to-back losses early in the season to highly regarded programs, falling, 52-20, to Barry Sanders and Oklahoma State and then being beaten the next week by Minnesota, 35-3. Miami was last in both total offense and defense in the MAC, and its rushing and passing defense also brought up the rear.

Chris Ondrula completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,304 yards but was burdened by 11 interceptions. He and Barry Banks will be challenged by junior-college transfer Joe Napoli. Whoever earns the job can throw to John Stofa, Bob Clark, and Glen Huffman.

The nucleus of the Redskins' defense are linebackers David Lafolla and Jerry Prochko and back Scott Barnett. Miami also needs someone to kick and punt, duties handled by the now departed Chuck Konrad.



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MAJOR HARRIS
West Virginia

West Virginia's Major Harris is the most exciting quarterback to excel in the East since Doug Flutie. Surely you remember Boston College's mighty mite who scrambled and speared his way to the Heisman Trophy in 1984. Harris is bigger at 6-1 and 207. But his style of play strikingly resembles that of Flutie. Strong arm. Quick feet. Heady. Master of the broken play. As a sparkling sophomore, the Pittsburgh native gained 2,525 yards (1,915 passing and 610 rushing) and accounted for 20 touchdowns. His total averaged out to an amazing 7.9 yards per play. No other quarterback in Division I-A had a higher pass-efficiency rating than his 167.4, though he fell a mere five attempts short of the minimum required to qualify for NCAA ranking.

Harris was the major reason that West Virginia went 11-0 for the first time in its history before losing to national champion Notre Dame, 34-21, in the Fiesta Bowl. The Mountaineers wound up ranked No. 5 in the final polls. His fancy footwork—and figures—earned Harris fifth place in the 1988 Heisman Trophy balloting. And as such, he's the top returning vote-getter for college football's highest honor this year. "Yeah, that makes me feel pretty good," the magnificent Major allowed. "But it's not where you start but where you finish that counts."

You can count Penn State's Blair Thomas among the East's chief challengers in the 1989 Heisman. That is, if the tremendously

talented tailback can regain his flashy form of 1987. Thomas, a junior then, attracted attention from coast to coast by racking up a school-record 1,772 all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns. His 1,414-yard rushing total ranks third on Penn State's all-time list. It included seven 100-yard performances, topped by a career-high 214 yards on 35 carries against Notre Dame. But reconstructive knee surgery for a major injury he received prior to the Citrus Bowl that year kept Thomas sidelined in 1988 as a medical redshirt. Now he's ready to ramble again, vowing to prove that "once you've had an injury like this, you can come back and perform the way you did before." If he indeed does, he could make the biggest bid by a Nittany Lion for the Heisman since John Cappelletti won it in 1973.

In Pittsburgh, sophomore tailback Curvin Richards already is in pursuit of Panther records set by Tony Dorsett, the 1976 Heisman winner. The 5-10, 190-pound speedster netted 1,228 yards on 207 rushes last season. That was the highest total by a Pittsburgh freshman since—you guessed it—Dorsett's 1,586 yards in 1973. Ironically, the first football game "Swervin' Curvin" ever saw after moving from Trinidad to the U.S. in 1980 involved Dorsett, then with the Dallas Cowboys.

Quarterback Scott Erney of Rutgers, half-back Mike Mayweather of Army, and tailback Michael Owens and wide receiver Rob Moore of Syracuse are among the region's other

predictions

independents

1. Penn State, 2. Syracuse, 3. West Virginia,
4. Pittsburgh, 5. Rutgers, 6. Army,
7. Boston College, 8. Navy,
9. Temple, 10. Northeastern

colonial league

1. Holy Cross, 2. Lafayette, 3. Colgate,
4. Bucknell, 5. Lehigh

Fordham (eligible in 1990)

ivy league

1. Penn, 2. Yale, 3. Princeton,
4. Dartmouth, 5. Columbia, 6. Cornell,
7. Brown, 8. Harvard

yankee conference

1. Delaware, 2. Villanova, 3. Connecticut,
4. New Hampshire, 5. Maine, 6. Massachusetts,
7. Rhode Island, 8. Richmond, 9. Boston University

independents

1. New Haven, 2. American International, 3. Springfield,
4. Central Connecticut, 5. Southern Connecticut

Pennsylvania conference

eastern division

1. Millersville, 2. West Chester, 3. East Stroudsburg,
4. Bollmsburg, 5. Cheyney, 6. Kutztown,
7. Mansfield

western division

1. Indiana, 2. Edinboro, 3. Shippensburg,
4. California, 5. Clarion, 6. Slippery Rock,
7. Lock Haven

stickouts this year. Erney, a senior, already owns nearly all of his school's single-season and career passing and total-offense records. Mayweather, a junior, has become the youngest Cadet ever to top 1,000 rushing yards in a season. Moore is Syracuse's finest receiver since Art Monk, while Owens could establish greatness as a breakaway threat. How these players perform and how their teams fare undoubtedly will determine the degree of recognition they are to receive in December.

Most observers—including some opposing coaches—were picking Pittsburgh as the favorite in the Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy race last spring. But that changed abruptly in mid May when quarterback Darnell Dickerson was ruled academically ineligible for the year. That jolted the Panthers' hopes and left fourth-year head coach Mike Gottfried without an experienced quarterback.

Penn State figures to be back in the hunt with a vengeance, though, after having had its NCAA-record 49-year non-losing streak snapped in 1988. The Nittany Lions' chances for the Lambert could come down to their November 25 clash with the Panthers at Pittsburgh. It's always a big battle, regardless of how either of those long-time adversaries happen to be faring.

Coach Don Nehlen is reloading in his 10th year at West Virginia after heavy personnel losses. His hopes are bolstered, however slightly, by the success (10-2) Syracuse experienced in last fall's reshaping following its 11-0-1 run in 1987. Both schools have some excellent returnees to build around.

Erney heads a veteran cast at Rutgers, where the yet-unsolved secret is for the Scarlet Knights to match a perennially strong start with a fast finish. Boston College, with a wealth of talent and experience, should find out early its chances for a resurgence in the wake of last year's shocking 3-8 showing.

Jim Young continues his wondrous achievements at Army. Forty-three veterans are back from a 9-3 team that tied the school record for most wins, beat both Air Force and Navy again, and bowed to Alabama by just a point in the Sun Bowl.

New coach Jerry Berndt, with a region-high 48 letter-winners, will be trying to turn around a losing program at Temple. Prospects seem a bit brighter at Navy, where Elliot Uzelac is in his third year. A tougher schedule will make winning even more difficult at struggling Northeastern.

There was a change at the top of the Colonial League. Lafayette stunned powerful Holy Cross to win the league title. This year there's a change at the bottom as perennial doormat Davidson drops out of the league. Fordham will replace Davidson, but not until 1990. So the league will have only five members this season. Also, for the first time, Holy Cross will fall in line with the rest of the Colonial members and not give any pure football scholarships to its incoming freshman class. Current upper classmen, however, will continue to receive athletic aid at Holy Cross until their football eligibility ends. Another change: Bucknell has a new coach, Lou Maranzana.

The race should come down again to Holy Cross vs. Lafayette, which has its phenomenal quarterback, Frank Baur, back. Fordham plays four Colonial teams: Colgate, Lehigh, Bucknell, and Lafayette. Fordham had its varsity status restored in 1970, made the NCAA playoffs in 1987, played in the ECAC South title game season, and will use 1989 as a buffer toward making the big step from Division III to Division I-A next season.

Only in the Ivy League, Part I: Columbia, a team which entered last season with a record 44-game losing streak, and Harvard, the defending champ from '87 with most of its team back, tied in the 1988 standings at 2-5, just above Brown's 0-6-1 basement record.

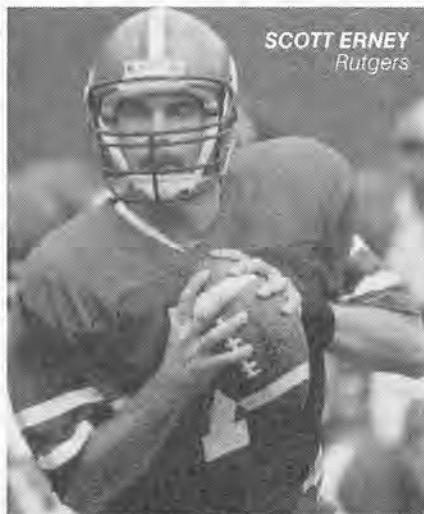
Only in the Ivy League, Part II: The three most exciting stories of 1988, Columbia and co-champs Penn and Cornell, all have new coaches. The previous coaches at each school quit, and none to take a coaching job. In the meantime, Joe Restic needs just three victories to give him an even 100 as Harvard's coach, although his team couldn't manage three last season.

Penn returns enough firepower to stake another claim to the title. The keys include half-back Bryan Keys and quarterback Malcolm Glover. Cornell will have trouble repeating, but its linebacker, Mitch Lee, is a defense all to his own. Princeton is on the move and Yale, with a stifling defense, could make it all the way. Things could get worse for Harvard before they get better after that strange season. Brown, winless in '88, will improve.

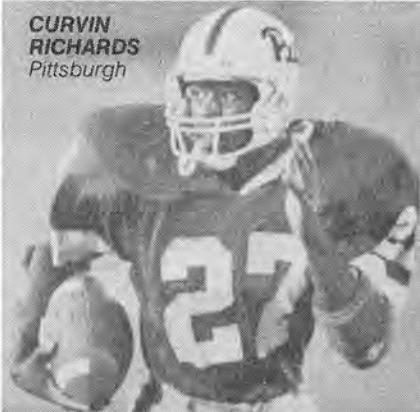
They're talking parity again in the Yankee Conference, which could mean you toss a coin and come up with the champion. A year ago, Richmond, which was picked by many to win it all, wound up last in the nine-team league. Delaware, which shared the title with Massachusetts in 1988, should be right up there again. "They've got the defense and

they're especially tough up the middle and in the corner spots, which means they'll be tough to run against and tough to beat with the long ball," said UMass coach Jim Reid. "Going into the last week of the season there could have been a five-way tie for first place. There should be just as much parity this year."

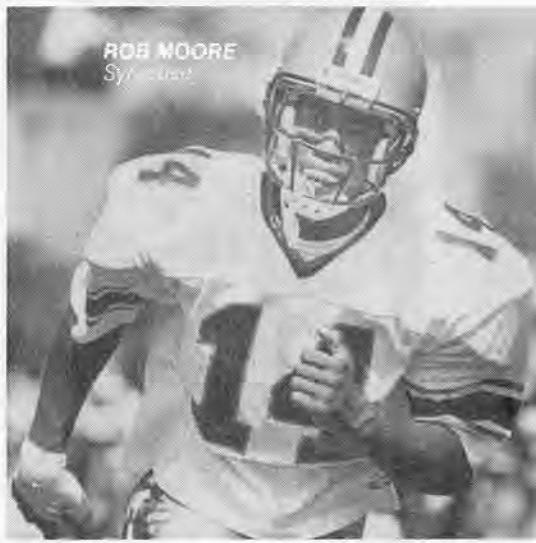
Delaware got the automatic NCAA I-AA playoff spot last year because of its win over UMass, but the Minutemen also made the postseason play as an at-large pick. Both teams were beaten in the first round.



SCOTT ERNEY
Rutgers



CURVIN RICHARDS
Pittsburgh



ROB MOORE
Syracuse



BLAIR THOMAS
Penn State

1989 all-east team

offense

Quarterback . Major Harris . JR . West Virginia

Running back . Mike Mayweather . JR . Army

Running back . Michael Owens . JR . Syracuse

Running back . Curvin Richards . SO . Pittsburgh

Running back . Blair Thomas . SR . Penn State

Wide receiver . Reggi Rembert . SR . West Virginia

Wide receiver . Rob Moore . JR . Syracuse

Wide receiver . Henry Tuten . SR . Pittsburgh

Tight end . Maurice Johnson . SR . Temple

Tackle . Jim Freeman . SR . Penn State

Tackle . Steve Tardy . SR . Rutgers

Guard . Blake Bednarz . SR . Syracuse

Guard . Jack Frey . SR . Army

Center . Dean Caligire . SR . Pittsburgh

Place-kicker . Brian Lowe . SR . Boston College

defense

End . Renaldo Turnbull . SR . West Virginia

End . Terry Wooden . SR . Syracuse

Tackle . Rob Burnett . SR . Syracuse

Tackle . Scott Miller . JR . Rutgers

Tackle . Mark Spindler . JR . Pittsburgh

Nose guard . Andy Kirkland . JR . Navy

Linebacker . Andre Collins . SR . Penn State

Linebacker . Chris Haering . SR . West Virginia

Linebacker . Lorenzo Square . SR . Temple

Back . Brian Chizmar . SR . Penn State

Back . Rico Labbe . SR . Boston College

Back . Alonso Hampton . SR . Pittsburgh

Back . Darrell Whilmore . SO . West Virginia

Punter . Doug Helkowski . JR . Penn State

The new coaches in the Yankee Conference are Tom Lichtenberg at Maine and Jim Marshall at Richmond. For the second straight year, the league goes international. Villanova and Rhode Island will play their game in Milan, Italy on October 28.

Division II football in New England has problems. There are only five schools, and without a league and an automatic qualifier, a team has to play its brains out to gain consideration for an NCAA postseason playoff berth. There are also scheduling problems, forcing the teams either to go outside New England or to another division to complete their slates. The University of New Haven, which was ranked as high as 13th in the country a year ago, still figures to be the leader. Springfield College has had two straight winning seasons, but the Chiefs won't be contenders for postseason play because of a schedule which has six Division III opponents.

These are the best of times for Williams College football. Coach Dick Farley is 2-for-2 in the Little Three title race and there's no reason to expect a letdown at Williamstown this fall. Most of the key defensive people are back from the team that ended the season with four consecutive shutouts, including a 21-0 rout of ancient rival Amherst. But Amherst, under 31-year master craftsman Jim Ostendarp, figures to make a more serious challenge. Wesleyan faces some major rebuilding problems.

ranks third on Penn State's all-time list. Without Thomas in 1988, the Lions' ground game slipped by more than 500 yards. "The whole offense should be better because of experience," Paterno said. "Add Blair and you're looking for a big improvement."

Gary Brown, last year's leading rusher (689 yards), has been switched to fullback. Sam Gash missed spring practice with a wrist injury. Leroy Thompson, John Gerak, and Bobby Samuels are other runners with experience.

Tom Bill and Tony Sacca are battling for the nod at quarterback. World-class sprinter Michael Timpton's decision to forgo his senior season left junior Dave Daniels and Terry Smith as the leading receivers. Each averaged nearly 20 yards per catch in '88. O.J. McDuffie, Joe Markiewicz, and Donnie Bunch are other talents who could rise quickly. Tight end Dave Jakob, the only Lion to catch a pass in every game last year, also is back.

Center Roger Duffy (6-3, 270) anchors a line that lost three starters, including All-America guard Steve Wisniewski. Dave Szott (6-4, 261) has returned to offense, after two years as a nose tackle, to replace Wisniewski. Tackles Tim Freeman (6-5, 275) and guard Ed Monaghan (6-2, 270) are holdover starters. Guard Sean Love (6-3, 260) and tackle Matt McCarren (6-5, 266) were reserves.

Penn State always has been noted for its defense. But Paterno fears this unit is behind

256) are vying for nose tackle. Frank Giannetti (6-2, 240) is the likely starter at tackle opposite Schonewolf. Safety Sherrod Rainge is the most experienced hand in a young secondary. Hermon Henderson and Willie Thomas probably will be the cornerbacks, with Darren Perry as the other safety. Chris Cisar and Eric Gudger are backs with limited experience.

The kicking game remains strong with all-star punter Doug Helkowski and place-kickers Ray Tarasi and Henry Adkins.

SYRACUSE

No doubt about it, Syracuse's football resurgence is firmly established. The Orange followed up its 11-0-1 season of 1987 with a 10-2 mark in 1988, capped by a 23-10 victory over Louisiana State in the Hall of Fame Bowl. The two-year mark of 21-2-1 ranks third in Division I-A, behind only southern perennial powers Miami (23-1) and Florida State (22-2). And Dick MacPherson is glowing over prospects for another highly successful year.

A strong offensive line that's the envy of every opposing coach returns intact. Guard Blake Bednarz (6-3, 303), tackle Turnell Sims (6-3, 285), and center John Flannery (6-3, 291) are third-year starters. Gary McCummings (6-2, 265) and Mike Bernard (6-2, 273) are two-year regulars. Backups include Rush Hodgin, Dan Erickson, John Nilsen, Jonn Capachione, and Sidney Armour.

Graduation wiped out the entire starting backfield of Todd Philcox, Daryl Johnston, and Robert Drummond. Wide receiver Deval Glover and tight end Pat Davis also have departed. Junior Bill Scharr takes over the quarterbacking. Rob Moore, also a junior, had 44 catches for 797 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. Todd Kasmer, Notre Dame transfer Bobby Carpenter, and freshman Kenny Morgan are the leading candidates to replace Glover. Soph Andrew Dees or redshirt freshman Chris Gedney will start at tight end. Michael Owens is a breakaway threat at tailback, where he shared playing time with Drummond the past two years. Kevin D.

DAVE SZOTT
Penn State



ROB BURNETT
Syracuse



PENN STATE *independents*

In the wake of the school's first losing season (5-6) in a celebrated half century, Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions are committed to a rousing resurgence. Their hopes have been boosted by the return of tailback Blair Thomas, who sat out last season after major reconstructive knee surgery.

Thomas was an inspiration to coaches and teammates alike in the spring. He participated in all drills except the scrimmages. As a healthy junior, he racked up a record 1,772 all-purpose yards. His rushing total of 1,414

schedule, mainly because of injuries. Linebackers Scott Gob and Ivory Gethers missed all of spring drills, as did defensive back Matt Baggett. Linebackers Andre Powell and Tom Wade are out for the year. Andre Collins and Brian Chizmar are standouts. Collins moved from safety to linebacker a year ago and led the team in tackles, with 110, the most by a Lion defender in 13 years. Chizmar has moved to outside linebacker after three seasons in the secondary. He'll be paired with Geoff Japchen. Tackle Rich Schonewolf (6-4½, 265) is the dominant player on the line. Jim Deter (6-2, 250) and Eric Renkey (6-3,

CHRIS HAERING
West Virginia



Greene and Penn State transfer Sean Barrowski are vying for the fullback job.

All-star tackle Rob Burnett (6-3, 265) heads an experienced defensive line. Other hold-over starters are tackle George Rooks (6-3, 272) and nose guard Fred DeRiggi (6-2, 268). Frank Conover (6-5, 305), Pat O'Rourke (6-2, 261), Mark Swinson (6-3, 277), and Mike Hayes (6-1, 250) provide depth. Three of the four starting linebackers return. All-star candidate Terry Wooden is rated as perhaps the best outside backer Syracuse has ever had. He ranked among the top five in every key defensive statistic last year. Inside linebackers David Bavaro and Dan Bucey were 1-2 in tackles. MacPherson must develop replacements for the five fifth-year seniors who formed the secondary. The new starters all have experience: Sean Whiteman and Greg Walker at the corners, Rob Thomson at free safety, and Tim Sandquist at strong safety. Darrell Jones and redshirt frosh Ousmane Barry and Earl Lumpkin are reserves.

It will be up to new place-kicker John Bisкуп to protect Syracuse's NCAA record of 260 consecutive regular-season extra points. Ken Hawkins takes over as the punter, a job he handled sporadically as a freshman before sitting out last season.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers reached the pinnacle in their 96-year football history last year: 11-0 regular season, the Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy, final No. 5 national ranking, and a 34-21 loss to Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl for

the national championship. Don Nehlen was acclaimed Coach of the Year in his ninth season at West Virginia and quarterback Major Harris finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a sophomore.

Nehlen, Harris, and 33 other lettermen are still around. But gone are 27 players, eight of whom were claimed in the NFL draft. The scrambling Harris, who gained 2,525 yards and accounted for 20 touchdowns, and lanky wide receiver Reggie Rembert are the only returning regulars on offense. Rembert caught 23 passes for 516 yards and seven touchdowns and scored three times on flanker-around runs. Senior Eugene Napoleon will take over at tailback, replacing A.B. Brown (962 yards) and Undra Johnson (709 yards). Tim Williams and newcomers Garrett Ford and Carl Hayes show promise. Aaron Evans and Rico Tyler moved up at fullback. Charlie Fedorco, Greg Jones, or Greg Dykes will start at split end. Adrian Moss (6-5, 250) and Darrell Mitchell (6-4, 236) will share tight end. The all-new line likely will include tackles Jack Linn (6-4, 273) and either Matt Wracher (6-5, 265) or jumbo John Ray (6-10, 336), guards Dale Wolfley (6-1, 260) and Scott Parker (6-5, 245), and center Jeff Price (6-0, 257). Nehlen, looking ahead, had inserted all of those on every third series last season to prepare them for the regular roles they're inheriting.

While an offense which set school records with 465.9 yards and 41.1 points per game had to be reconstructed, an opportunistic defense required only spotty patchwork. Ruthless Renaldo Turnbull, who logged 12 sacks

in 1988, and Lonnie Brockman are the outside linebackers. Holdover Mike Fox (6-6, 254) has been joined by Scott Summits (6-3, 278) at tackle with sophomore Jim Gray (6-1, 254) again at nose guard. All-America Chris Haering, Theron Ellis, and sophomore Steve Grant make inside linebacking stronger than ever. Haering had a team-high 132 tackles last year. Speedy sophomore Darrell Whitmore heads a solid secondary at free safety. Other probable starting backs are Darren Fulton and Preston Waters, along with either Basil Proctor or Lawrence Drumgoole.

Nehlen is anxious to see how his new kickers measure up under fire, a West Virginia strong point in the past. Pete Morelli or Brad Carroll will do the place-kicking, with Greg Hertzog and Glen McNew the punters.

PITTSBURGH

The Panthers appeared to have all the ingredients needed to become "Beast of the East" before they lost quarterback Darnell Dickerson in mid-May. He was declared academically ineligible for the entire season, and that is a big blow to coach Mike Gottfried. Larry Wanke, the backup in 1988, had transferred to John Carroll last January. So Dickerson's loss left Pittsburgh with only two untested quarterbacks: junior-college transfer Scott Stark and redshirt freshman Alex Van Pelt. Until this sudden, unexpected development, Gottfried was openly excited about the Panthers' outlook in his fourth season. He had 14 starters from last year's team that was stronger than its 6-5 record indicated.

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Curvin Richards, 1988 Freshman of the Year on some lists, returns at tailback. He rushed for 1,228 yards to rank 11th in the nation with an average of 111.6 per game. Senior Adam Walker (406 yards in seven games), Rickey Turner, and Ronald Redmon also are strong runners. But filling the void at quarterback could be difficult. The multitalented Dickerson passed for 1,559 yards and ran for 555 in his first full year as a starter. Tailback Glenn Deveaux has been moved to strong safety, leaving his old job to redshirt freshman Derrick Lewis. Split end Henry Tutt and flanker Reggie Williams caught 58 passes between them for 928 yards in '88. Baron Jackson and Chris Bouyer provide depth. Tom Huebner and Eric Seaman, who started in 1987, will be at tight end.

All-America guard Mark Stepnoski and tackle Tom Ricketts are gone, leaving the offensive line an area of some concern. But Gottfried still has senior Dean Caligire (6-3, 270), rated by pro scouts as one of the nation's top centers. Tackle Roman Matusz (6-5, 275) and guard Chris Goetz (6-3 1/2, 275) are other returning regulars. The second tackle will be sophomore Scott Miller (6-5, 270), redshirt freshman Mike LiVorio (6-5, 270), or soph Calvert Jones (6-5, 290). Bill Cherpak (6-4, 270) is the likely starter at the other guard. But he must fight off Richard Allen (6-3, 265), who had started at defensive tackle.

The defensive line could be dominating if tackles Tony Siragusa (6-5, 275) and Marc Spindler (6-5, 270) stay healthy. Both are coming off knee injuries. Nelson Walker and Mike Chalenski have been joined at ends by junior-college transfer Mark Gunn and Todd Pipkin, who missed all of 1988 with a broken leg. Sophs Curtis Bray and Ricardo McDonald are holdover starters at outside linebacker, with Craig Gob in the middle. All-America cornerback candidate Alonzo Hampton keys the



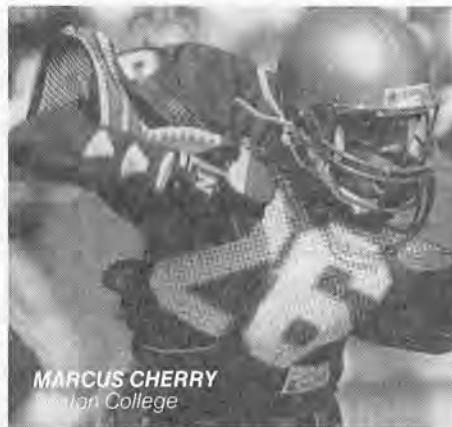
ADAM WALKER
Pittsburgh
secondary. Louis Riddick has shifted from strong to free safety, making room for ex-fullback Deveaux. Soph Steve Israel could be the other cornerback, with Robert Bradley and Anthony Jagers in reserve.

Veterans Scott Kaplan and Jeff Van Horne will handle the place-kicking again. But newcomer Brian Greenfield replaces suspended punter Yusef Washington. He averaged a phenomenal 47.5 yards last season at Sherman Oaks Community College.

RUTGERS

The Scarlet Knights were riding high after an impressive 4-2 start last season, following wins over Michigan State, Penn State, and Boston College. But their hopes for a banner year and possible bowl bid faded fast as they lost the next four games and finished 5-6. Coach Dick Anderson has the makings of another strong team that should fare better over the long haul.

Among the 14 returning starters is quarterback Scott Erney, who already owns Rutgers career records for completions (406), attempts (754), yardage (4,652), plays (868), and total offense (4,633). He still has the top three running backs: fullback Mike Botti (715 yards) and tailbacks James Cann and Henry Henderson, who came back from knee surgery. With help from Vince Hall and Dwight Giles, the running backs piled up 1,590 yards and accounted for 15 touchdowns in 1988. Eric Young and Brett Mersola, who combined for 73 receptions and 980 yards, are gone. But Tyrone McQueen (31-341) and Randy Jackson are back. James Jenkins and Scott Blanche again will be the tight ends. Only one



MARCUS CHERRY
Princeton

starter was lost from the offensive line. Tackles Steve Tardy and Bill Hiros, along with part-time starter Bill Milano, are fifth-year seniors in the 6-6, 270-pound range. Center Jeff Erickson (6-3, 250) and guard Nick Urda (6-1, 255) are two-year lettermen. Depth will come from Sydney Crawford and Don Forbes.

Anderson must reconstruct the defensive line. Tackle Scott Miller (6-3, 270) is a key returnee after having missed the final eight games in 1988. Seniors Chuck Paugh (6-2, 260) and Joe Savoy (6-4, 270) should help cement the inner spots. Tim Lester is the hold-over starter at end, with Mike Conlan, Rich Humphreys, and Elnardo Webster experienced outside linebackers. Pat Udovich, last year's leading tackler, is a stickout at one inside linebacker. Battling for the other job are three Mikes: Bouchard, Pergolizzi, and Finetti. Paul Garea and Bob Speidel, coming off injuries, also are in the picture. Cornerbacks Darren Czellicz and Rusty Mayes return. Ron Allen, John Blanton, Vaughn McKoy, and Glenn Miller are vying for the safety spots.

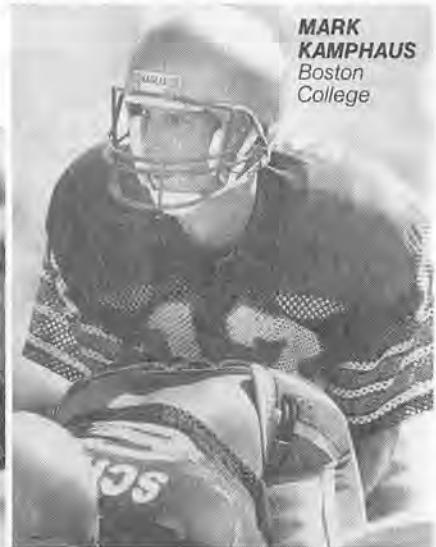
Replacing Carmen Sclafani is Doug Giesler, a proven place-kicker. Daryle Pellegrino could push redshirt freshman Paul Nuzzi for the job of punter.

ARMY

The Cadets have achieved astonishing success since Jim Young installed the wishbone

in 1984. Look for more of the same in '89 from a team that went 9-3, including a one-point loss to heavily favored Alabama in the Sun Bowl. The high-stepping Cadets ranked third in the nation in rushing (346.8 yards per game) and set a school record for yards rushing (3,815). They face another favorable schedule which includes seven home games.

Army's offense should remain potent, with seven holdover starters. Those include the entire backfield, headed by junior halfback Mike Mayweather. His 1,022 yards rushing last season made him the youngest Cadet in history to reach four figures. Calvin Gass, also a junior, will share the work. Quarterback Bryan McWilliams was the second-leading rusher (749 yards). He scored eight touchdowns and passed for a ninth. Ben Barnett (679 yards) is a two-year starter at fullback. Split end Sean Jordan averaged 24.1 yards on 12 catches last year. With Doug Baker a solid tight end,



MARK KAMPHAUS
Boston
College

backup Mike Preisser has been moved to defensive tackle. The offensive line is being overhauled. Jack Frey (6-3, 253) returns at one guard and Pete Andrysiak (6-6, 265) probably will be the other. The tackle slots are up for grabs among Carlton Rice (5-11, 252), Bret Petkus (6-3, 255), John Silvers (6-4, 246), Greg Cleveland (6-3, 248), and Tom Anderson (6-3, 258). The starting center will be Mark Epp (6-1, 247) or Bill Speler (6-0, 232).

The defense in general and the line in particular are areas of some concern. Tackles Will Huff (6-1, 240) and Josh Haines (6-4, 245) are returning regulars. But the jury still is out on Haines, who missed all of spring practice with a back ailment. Senior Tim Ladouceur or junior Greg Mogavero would replace him. Dan Cooney is the likely starter at nose guard. Two-year lettermen Bob Wagner and Bert DeForest, backups a year ago, move up at outside linebacker. Pat Davie and John Robb started some games at inside linebacker, but both missed spring drills with injuries. George Godfrey and Mike O'Toole are contending. Free safety O'Neal Miller, the second-leading tackler, and cornerback Mike Thorson are stalwarts in the secondary. Steve Stark and Otto Leone are battling for strong safety. Ed Givens has a shot at the other corner.

Greg Pease probably will replace all-East punter Bit Rambusch. Keith Havenstrite and Geoff Binney are vying for place-kicker.

BOSTON COLLEGE

There's an abundance of talent and experience for veteran Jack Bicknell to return the Eagles to their winning ways. The ninth-year head coach is eagerly anticipating a big improvement after last year's disappointing 3-8 season. His chief task will be filling some key holes in both lines.

Half of the 14 starters return on offense, with the backfield intact. Senior Mark Kamphaus completed 100 of 158 passes for 1,323 yards last year despite missing five games with a fractured jaw. Speedy flanker Marcus Cherry (37 receptions, 717 yards) and junior tight end Mark Chmura (27-377) will be his leading targets. Tailback Mike Sanders (424 yards) and fullback Ed Toner, one of the region's best short-yardage rushers, also remain. Ditto tailback Tim Frager, who averaged five-plus yards per carry as a sophomore. Up front, Bicknell still has center Brian Schoenle (6-3, 272) and guard Mike Ratigan (6-3, 253). But he must develop replacements for all-stars Joe Wolf at guard and Doug Widell at tackle. Mark Anken (6-2, 272) and Bill Scavone (6-0, 253) will start at guard and Mark Kennedy (6-6, 280) and Mike Jovanovich (6-6, 280) at tackle. Scavone also could play center.

Outside linebackers Ivan Caesar and Kevin Pearson, tackle Peter Gray (6-3, 240), and nose guard Chris Gildea (6-3, 284) are returning regulars on the defensive front. Caesar, who missed several games because of injury in 1988, excels as a pass rusher. Jim Biestek (6-5, 250) or Dave Moore (6-7, 258) will be the other starting tackle. Steve Jordan and Andy

Klare have experience. Matt Kelley and Ron Perryman should shore up the linebacking. The secondary looks strong, with returnees Rico Labbe, Ed Duran, and Brian Williams. Jeff Baker will be the other starter.

Brian Lowe, who holds numerous school records, is one of the nation's top place-kickers. He was 14-for-20 in field goals and booted all 23 extra points last year. David Thompson will do the punting.

The first month of the season could make or break the Eagles. They open at home against Pittsburgh, then play consecutive road games with Rutgers, Penn State, and Ohio State.

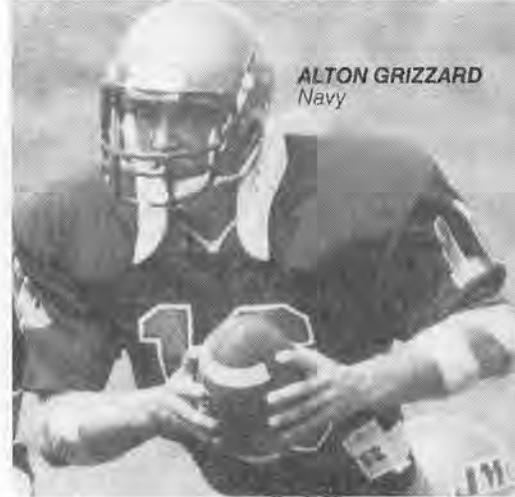
NAVY

Third-year coach Elliot Uzelac has 14 starters returning from last year's 3-8 team. Encouraging was the fact that Navy played its best football late in the season against an array of bowl-bound opponents. He hopes to develop a stronger offensive line and boost the receiving corps to add more variations to the wishbone. Defensively, Navy will have its strongest interior in at least three years and a veteran secondary which ranked seventh nationally in pass defense.

Alton Grizzard, the top rusher in each of the past two seasons, is the No. 1 quarterback. He ran for 633 yards, setting three rushing records, and passed for 455 in 1988. Backup Gary McIntosh also returns along with quick-footed soph B.J. Mason. There's depth at halfback with James Bradley (358 yards) and Mike Burns. Jason Pace is a possibility. Deric Sims, the starting fullback late last season, is

being pushed by veterans Aaron Johnson and Dominic Flis. Joining lone letterman Shane Smith as wide receivers will be Jon Neumann and Jerry Dawson. Top contenders at tight end are Dave Berghult, Jim O'Donnell, and soph David Anderson. Of four returning regulars up front, Mike Kircher (6-2, 250) has been the most consistent. Another senior, Mike Maier (6-2, 275), is set at one guard. The other holdovers are Greg Hlatky (6-5, 248) and Bob Friedman (6-2, 230).

Heading a more experienced, more physical defensive line will be junior Andy Kirkland. Other veterans include tackle Scott Prinz (6-5, 240) and middle guard Chris Graham (6-0,



ALTON GRIZZARD
Navy

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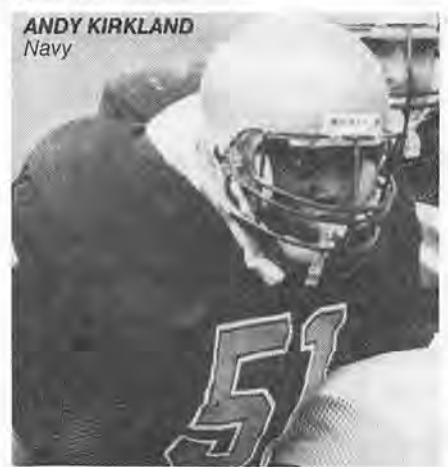
261). Senior Greg Reppar was a starter at tackle early in the season before being injured. Outside linebacking should be solid with David Lowe, a two-year starter, Jim Kirk, and Anthony Domino. Jay Harrell has moved from the secondary to OLB. Returning as starting inside linebackers are Bill Bowling and sophomore Beau Laskey. A half dozen lettermen are in the secondary and all started at one time or another. These include feisty Bob Weissenfels, the team leader in tackles. Others are Rodney Brown, Steve Tazza, Daron Fullwood, Bart LaRocca, Scott Carson, and David Lerch, who also returns punts.

Soph Todd Peterson is the leading candidate to replace record-setting place-kicker Ted Fundoukos. Punter Jefferson Triplett must hold off challenges by Tom Frosch and Gerard Shanley.

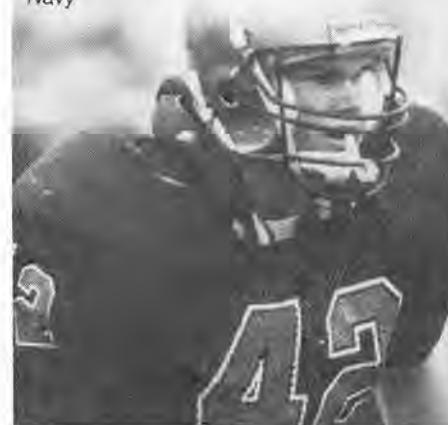
TEMPLE

Jerry Berndt swiftly, successfully turned around Penn's football fortunes in the early 1980s. After going 1-9 his first year, the Quakers captured four consecutive Ivy League championships. But Berndt couldn't produce a winner in three seasons at Rice, so he's back in Philadelphia as Temple's new head coach. He inherits 11 starters from last year's 4-7 team. To fit them into his system, he's going from an eight- to a seven-man scheme on defense and from a three-back, one-receiver setup to a two-back, two-receiver alignment on offense. But the Owls face the same, tough schedule of old, playing seven of their 11 games on the road.

ANDY KIRKLAND
Navy



BOB WEISSENFELS
Navy



Junior Matt Baker is a tough, heady quarterback who will be pushed by Victor Lay and Tony Lerro. Ventres Stevenson is the most experienced among the tailbacks. Tom Quinn, Leon Brown, and redshirt freshmen Sam Jenkins and Arthur Davis also are in contention. Nelson Herrera returns at fullback but must improve his blocking. Rich Drayton (26 receptions, 460 yards) heads a receiving corps that includes Kevin McCoy, Chris Chambers, Tim Hornbaker, Leslie Shepherd, and Bob Graf. Maurice Johnson could be one of the East's best tight ends. The line will be reconstructed around holdover starters Ray Haynes (6-4, 270) at tackle and Dick Beck (6-1, 260) at center. Gary Thompson (6-4, 285), who started at guard, has been switched to tackle. Andy Waldron (6-3, 265) and Brian Krulkowski (6-4, 255) probably will be the guards.

Defensively, the Owls should be formidable up front with Kenyatta Rush (6-4, 265), Mike Constantatos (6-4, 265), and Swift Burch (6-4, 255). JC transfer David Thomas, a nose tackle, is among the team's strongest players. Santo Stephens is one outside linebacker, with Warren Wilcox, Greg Liberty, and Tim Miller contending on the opposite side. All-star candidate Lorenzo Square is a stickout inside linebacker. Manny Carlis also has starting experience. The secondary is a chief concern because of the need for a fourth back. Free safety John Armstrong and cornerback Willard Cooper started in 1988. Fred Gunter, Temple's fastest player, was moved from wide receiver to cornerback. Craig Jackson, Pat Dudley, and Greg Taylor are other leading candidates.

Bob Wright will take over the place-kicking from brother Bill. Punter Ed Liberati hopes to regain the fine form of his sophomore season after an off year in 1988.

NORTHEASTERN

A winning season and a spot in the I-AA playoffs are the goals for Northeastern. Those appear reasonable in coach Paul Pawlak's ninth season, but the Huskies must shore up a porous defense and generate more offense to handle a tougher schedule. A last-second loss to Connecticut and a narrow miss at New Hampshire kept them from a second straight 6-5 record last year.



HAROLD SCOTT
Northeastern

Sophomore Byron Hurt took over the quarterbacking in the fifth game, after injuries to Rich Rodriguez and Tony Lubischer. All three are now available to engineer the wishbone offense. Fullback Harold Scott remains the chief runner after a school-record 1,282 yards. Calvin Johnson and Ray Gee will be the halfbacks. Tight end Scott Adams is the top returning receiver as well as a premier blocker. Jim Cavallo has the nod at split end, with Brian Kennedy and Tom Serluco as backups. Guard Andy Robertson is the only hold-over starter in the line. He'll team with center Bill McMullen, sophomores Glen Coletti and Scott Evans, and redshirt freshman Randy Dodd.

Veteran tackle Kris Sticinski will anchor a reconstructed defensive line. Other projected starters have some game experience: ends Conrad Valentin and Chris Petrus, middle guard Albert Quintero, and tackle Byron Turner. Al Badger and Joe Bonnell are solid linebackers, with sophomores Steve Kelley and Jason Germain as tested reserves. Matt Langan is one cornerback, Russ Russo is the strong safety, and Sean Fagan the free safety.

Northeastern still has three-year punter Bill Sansone, who's both cool and accurate under pressure. Sophomore Dave Rusk takes over the place-kicking from Lance Gordon, who set several school career records.

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HOLY CROSS

The Crusaders, having lost record-breaking quarterback Jeff Wiley, pause now to reload. There, that should do it. With 14 starters and 34 lettermen back from a 9-2 club, Holy Cross should continue its pace.

Senior Chris Sullivan was the early favorite to replace Wiley in the pocket, although sophomores Tom Ciacco and Mark Roman could play. Some retooling must take place as well in the offensive line, where three starters are gone. Senior center Bob Laliberte is the steady influence. Rob Pedlow shifts from guard to left tackle and Joe Foy, who started two games, slips into left guard. Kevin Kauffman moves from center to right guard, and Ralph Riley is the right tackle.

Joe Segreti became the starting fullback in the fourth game after knee injuries ended Willie Bradford's season. Segreti ripped off yardage at a furious clip, gaining 1,187 yards. Bradford is still questionable for 1989. Segreti is joined in the backfield by tailbacks Tim Donovan and Darin Cromwell. Split end Mark Gallagher had an outstanding sophomore season. Randy Pedro is the tight end.

Cornerback Dave Murphy and linebacker Chris Maruca are the best players on defense. Murphy, All-America in '88, could reap bigger awards. He has 23 interceptions in three seasons, one theft short of tying the Division I-AA record. In the secondary, Darrin Darrington joins Murphy at cornerback. Rick Shumilla is at free safety and Ernie Garlington at strong safety. The five-man line has experience inside with tackles Tim Downing and Andy Hertz and middle guard Marc Kosciuk, but it is green on the ends.

LAFAYETTE

Frank Baur's pass-efficiency rating of 171.1 led every quarterback in every division in the NCAA. His 10.2 yards per attempt set an NCAA record. But the best thing for Lafayette

is that he's back for another season. "He's the most talented quarterback I've ever been around," said coach Bill Russo.

With Baur pulling the trigger, the Leopards averaged more than 38 points and 478 yards a game. It should be more of the same with eight starters back. Tailback Tom Costello rushed for 1,132 yards, the second-best total by a freshman in the country last season. Baur will have some new primary wide receivers to throw to: Dave Baird and Mike Grau. Matt Winters, at 6-5, 233, is a big target at tight end. Four jumbos return to plow the way in the offensive line: tackles Dave Williams (6-3, 273) and Lou Valoze (6-3, 260) and guards Gee Lofstead (6-3, 261) and Lou Savino (6-2, 269).

On the defensive line, tackle Matt Sala led the team with eight sacks. Tackle Jim Hall is a converted linebacker. Nose guards Art Bittel

corps that includes Dan McCarthy, Rick Evans, and Jeff Stenglein. Junior Jeremy Garvey will step in at tight end. Colgate never did have a quarterback to call its own in 1988. Dave Goodwin started the last three games of '88 after recovering from an ankle injury.

Big problems loom for the Raiders on both sides of the line. Offensively, only one consistent starter returns in senior tackle Ross Crump. The guards are Tim Lawler and Rick Krichbaum, who moved from defense late last season. On defense, end Bill Smith was granted an extra year of eligibility. Good thing, too, since he's the only returning starter. Juniors Chris Brown and Kevin Gray are the tackles. It's not much different at linebacker, where the team's top two tacklers are gone. Mike Jasper is the most experienced. Mark Holcombe will hold down one outside linebacking job. Free safety Steve Aldiero is a big-play man. Strong safety features Dave Bovell and George Sanker. Gary Aurora and Joe Martin are the new cornerbacks.

BUCKNELL

New coach Lou Maranzana, 41, must set about reconstructing the Bisons, who haven't had a winning season in the past eight years and who don't have much playing experience. One of those players who does, however, is senior quarterback Scott Auchenbach, who set school records for touchdown passes (17) and total offense (2,227 yards) last season. He can run and throw, and as Auchenbach goes, so should the Bisons' offense.

Running backs Brian Henesey and Dan Scocca give the offense some added punch. Henesey led the Bisons with 430 yards rushing and a 4.8 average as a freshman last year. Scocca caught 33 passes last season as a wide receiver. Dennis Barnes, a converted tight end, or Roger Ahrens will be the fullback. Junior Mike Guerrini is a two-time, all-league wide receiver with 90 catches and 15 touchdowns the past two years. Chris Miller, at 6-6, is the tallest tight end in the league.

The problem on offense for the Bisons is the line, where four new starters must be found. One should be 6-7, 277-pound Jay Butler at tackle. Doug Roebuck is the other tackle. The guards are Dennis Wysocki, who has played tight end and defensive tackle but never guard, and Paul Austin, who spent his spring on the track-and-field team.

The defensive line has playing experience. Brian Makovsky and Mark Williams are the starting tackles and Jim Christina and Dave Vituccio are the ends in the new 40 defense. Last year, Makovsky was the nose guard and both ends were linebackers in Bucknell's 50 defense. The linebackers are John Spatafore, Bill Pisano, and Bill Higgins. All are green, as is most of the secondary. Free safety Mike Augsberger is the only regular who is back. Joining him are cornerbacks Alvin McCoy and Erik Street and strong safety Jeff Kelly.

LEHIGH

The Engineers could struggle early as they break in a new quarterback. Todd Brunner did a good job for them as a late injury replacement and could open the season as the starter. Tailback Erick Torain and receiver Rob Varano should help any quarterback mature. Torain is a double threat on the run and as a receiver. Varano's 53 catches placed him 20th in the nation. Fullback Kevin Costello was

another two-way threat, averaging 4.4 yards rushing and 8.4 receiving. Rich Clark should complement Varano as a receiver. Vance Cassell has good speed and size (6-5, 234) for a tight end. Lehigh's Chain Gang offensive line was broken up, but it may create a whole new nickname with the likes of Keith Petzold, Mike Hendricks, Clarence Case, Brian Hensel, and Tom Cunningham.

Lehigh hopes to improve on defense after a weak effort in 1988, when it allowed 411 yards per game. Andy Kosko is a dominant nose guard. Tackle Dave Rosen joins him on the line with others likely to be Conney Berger, Sean Chiarito and Rik Repak. Gary Karnish fills one spot at outside linebacker. Craig Domalewski and Ken Beesmer give the Engineers experience at inside linebacker. The secondary, though, was hard-hit by losses. Safeties Mike Walsh and Peter Sczerbinski have the most experience. Lehigh needs to find a punter fast, but has a good place-kicker in Erik Bird.

FORDHAM

The Rams, 9-2 last season, must face five Division I-A foes this year, another challenge for coach Larry Glueck, who has done wonders with the Fordham program. Eight starters back on offense should help ease the transition for the Rams. Halfback Rick Hollawell, the Liberty Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 1988, rushed for 840 yards and scored 11 touchdowns as a sophomore. Another halfback, Eddie Pearson, led the team with 30 receptions and rushed for 396 yards. Tight end Marc Meighan averaged 16.2 yards on 23 receptions. Meighan and quarterback Dave Olsakowski formed the Freshman Connection for the Rams. Olsakowski started all but one game in 1988. When he's more seasoned, there may be no stopping him. The offensive linemen already look like Division I players. They include guards Matt Sullivan (6-3, 275) and Jason Stuart (6-2, 255), tackles Steve Medeiros (6-4, 270) and Greg Cooper (6-4, 255), and center Eric Schweiker (6-1, 220). All are sophomores except Cooper, a freshman. The split end is Jim Hock.

Matt Michaels, a co-captain, was the second-leading tackler in 1988 playing adjustor, a combination linebacker-strong safety. His dad, Lou, played in the NFL for 13 years. Other notable defenders for the Rams are outside linebacker Bill Weyrauch, who is big (6-4, 230) and quick, nose guard Jim Skurchak, and inside linebacker Kevin McLaughlin. Punter Joe Emmons already set the school record with a 38.8 average as a freshman.

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PENN

New coach Gary Steele, the former defensive coordinator, has a long way to go to match the success of his predecessor, Ed Zubrow, who capped off a 23-7 three-year record with his best team last season. Penn was a surprise 9-1 and Ivy League co-champion. Zubrow, whose teams won two Ivy crowns, left coaching to become assistant to the superintendent of the Philadelphia public schools, where he takes charge of anti-drug and dropout-prevention efforts.

Thirteen starters are gone from last year's club, but there is good quality returning. Bryan Keys led the league in rushing and was eighth in the NCAA with an average of 116.5



JOE MARTIN
Colgate

and Dexter Felder will plug the middle. Keith Grant is an undersized (6-1, 213) but quick end. The linebackers in the 52 defense are Daryl Boich and Joel Cumminskey. The secondary is seasoned, beginning with free safety Dwayne Norris, a vicious hitter. Rodney Shannon and Charlie Roman start on the corners and Kyle Mabus takes over at strong safety. Walt Johnston, a bruising 6-2, 201, is a two-year starter who will play somewhere if he can shake a shoulder injury.

COLGATE

Mike Foley, 32, aged a bit in his rookie season as his alma mater's coach. His veteran squad turned in a disappointing 2-9 record, only the second losing season in the last 10 years.

Tailback Hans Ottinot rushed for 490 yards as a freshman and looks like the latest in a traditional line of talented Colgate running backs. Senior fullback Paul Bushey joins him in the backfield. Another hit as a freshman was wide receiver George Delaney, who caught 29 passes. He heads a good receiving

yards a game. He also was 12th in scoring, averaging 8.4 points a game. He set a Penn record with his 1,165 yards rushing. Quarterback Malcom Glover was 19th in the NCAA in passing efficiency, completing 103 of 190 tries. Guard Armin Moshayedi is the only starter returning to the line. Kevin Morrison and Joe Valerio should provide him with some help. Wide receiver Dave Whaley caught 21 passes for 317 yards and was expected to get a fifth year under the Ivy's injury rule. Bill Anasti moves to tight end from wide receiver.

Defensive back Steve Johnson was also expected to earn another year because of an injury. He was all-Ivy last season. Franklin Ferguson is back for another season at cornerback. Mark Fessler and Steve Bankston return at outside linebackers. Jon Ford and Brian Griffin are the new inside linebackers. Eric Poderys is a strong down lineman. His linemate,

turned in his baseball uniform after Verduzco got hurt and played in seven games. Sophomore Nick Crawford is a Davidson transfer, and any of four sophomores could also step in at quarterback. The wide-receiver position is wide open. Last season fullback Kevin Callahan led the team with 16 catches. He's been switched to tailback. Scott Craven, slowed by injuries for two years, will move into the fullback spot. The offensive line also needs to be rebuilt. Guard Mark Eidemueler and tackle Erik Hilinski are the most experienced.

PRINCETON

Steve Tosches, proving 1987 was no fluke, coached the Tigers to their second straight winning season (6-4), the first time that has happened since the start of the decade. The goals now shift to a bigger one: an Ivy League title. That may be too much to ask in 1989, mainly because quarterback Jason Garrett, the Ivy Player of the Year in 1988, is gone.

There's still a Garrett around, though. Running back Judd is as dominating at his position as his brother was at quarterback. He has 1,762 yards rushing in two years and needs 601 to become the school's all-time leading rusher in a year in which Princeton will play its 1,000th football game. Not only that, he is third on Princeton's all-time receiving list and could snatch its all-time scoring honors.

Scott Gibbs is the most experienced receiver. Other candidates there include sophomore Matt Tarkenton, whose father, Fran, became famous for throwing footballs. Pete Masloski will try to replace departed All-America Mark Rockefeller at tight end. Three-year starter Bob Surace is back again at center. So is guard Ed Record, but the rest of the offensive line is new.

Princeton's defensive line could be a good one with ends Rick Emery and Renard Charity and tackles Steve Hillegeist and Rob Henricks. The best on defense is senior linebacker Franco Paganelli, a second-team all-Ivy choice. The rest of the linebackers aren't bad, either, including senior Gary Kempinski and Bob Spenik. The most solid area of the defense, though, is the secondary, where the top six return, including all-Ivy Frank Leal at cornerback and free safety Mike Hirou. Cornerback Vince Avallone and strong safety Greg Burton are the other starters.

All-America place-kicker Chris Lutz shattered Charlie Gogolak's Princeton record with 83 kicking points and led the NCAA with nearly two field goals a game.

DARTMOUTH

Ever so slowly, Dartmouth inches its way back toward the Ivy League elite. The school with the most Ivy titles (13) completed a 5-5 season in 1988, modest, but its first non-losing season since 1982.

The Big Green can rally around some talent on offense. Quarterback Mark Johnson, second-team all-Ivy in '88, passed for 2,262 yards last season, setting a school record. Fullback Dave Clark can beat teams every which way, getting loose in the running (669 yards rushing, 5.4 average) and passing game (34 catches, 307 yards). His two 97-yard TD runs in 1988 set an Ivy record. Tailback Brendan Mahoney also returns. Coach Buddy Teevens must find a replacement for All-America wide receiver Craig Morton. Nick Stanham and

Tom Parker are the early favorites. Pryce Boeye is the new tight end. Four starters return in the line: tackles Harris Siskind and Matt Dunning and guards David Janssen and Chad Gallentine.

Tackle Kevin Luensmann, a co-captain, heads a veteran defensive line that includes David TerMolen, Pete Chapman, Seth Jacoby, and Tim Meier. There is no experience behind them in the linebacking corps. The secondary is also green. Strong safety Chris Casturo is the only starter returning. Kirk Mills, who was knocked out for the season with a knee injury in the opening game, will play somewhere in the backfield.

Dartmouth's kicking game boasts the Ivy League's top returning punter, Rob Hibbard, who averaged 37.7 yards in 1988. Place-kicker Carl Romero set a school record with 57 points last season.

COLUMBIA

Just as the Lions turn the corner, they run smack into another corner. They ended their infamous 44-game losing streak last season with a homecoming victory over Princeton and a season-ending win over Brown to go 2-8. Then, the coach who led them out of their dark ages, Larry McElreavy, resigned shortly after the season because of personal attacks levied against him by a member of his own staff. Now it is new coach Ray Tellier's turn at Columbia's hot corner, but at least he won't have the burden of those strung-out losses.

Columbia has talent at the skill positions on offense. Tailbacks Solomon Johnson and Greg Abbruzzese each rushed for more than 700 yards and averaged 5.3 a carry. Tight end Matt Less led all receivers and is a good blocker to boot. Ron Kalyan and Gary Comstock are experienced wide receivers. The quarterback position is unsettled, much as it was last year. Bruce Mayhew started the first half of the season and Russ Scott, now a

BRYAN KEYS
Penn



Joe Johnson, is the team's best pass rusher. Kicker Rich Friedenberg was voted second-team all-Ivy after making 13 of 20 field-goal attempts and all 28 PATs.

YALE

It's an anniversary year at Yale. Carmen Cozza celebrates his 25th as the Bulldogs' coach, Yale Bowl marks its 75th season, and Handsome Dan, the Bulldog mascot, marks his 100th year (which is 700 years in human age). The Elis also hope to celebrate an Ivy League championship. With 12 starters back from a 3-3-1 Ivy team, it's possible.

The defense, ranked second in the league last season, should be even more dominating. The seasoned defensive line boasts seniors Glover Lawrence, Scott Wollam, and Bruce Bottorff. The secondary has speed, experience, and depth. Rich Huff, a second-team all-Ivy choice, and safety Chris Brown are the best. Monstah Brian Hennen and halfback Bob Stokes are the other starters. Captain Jon Reese is a productive linebacker who heads a group that includes Scott Simmonds and Tom O'Brien. Mike Browne, a lineman in 1987, returns as a linebacker after a year off.

Offensively, Yale is not so solid, particularly at quarterback. Bob Verduzco is trying to come back from a knee injury he incurred in the opening game. Darin Kehler, now a junior,

DAVE CLARK
Dartmouth



sophomore, started the last three games. The line is even more unsettled because the top seven on the depth chart graduated, and they were in place for at least two seasons.

Columbia's real strength will be on defense. Three-fourths of the secondary returns: monstah John DeSimone, cornerback Mike Holt, and safety Shay Bess. Captain Bart Barnett returns at inside linebacker. Bob Paschall is a run-stopper at middle guard and Paul Tomasi returns at defensive tackle. Javier Loya is at outside linebacker.

Place-kicker Matt Pollard made 10 of his 12 field-goal tries in 1988.

CORNELL

Maxie Baughan's abrupt resignation as coach in the spring—he cited "personal tensions"—has only added one more to the long list of inexperienced positions for the Big Red, which shared the Ivy League crown with Penn last year. New coach Jack Fouts has an overwhelming task with no starters returning on offense and five on defense.

Fouts will rely on his defense to bear much of the burden, especially early in the season while the offense finds its legs. A comforting thought is that smack in the center of that defense is All-America middle linebacker Mitch Lee. He set a school record with 157 tackles last season. Two new starters at outside linebacker will surface from the trio of Mike Strigel, Chris Finn, and Bob Logue. End Ardrell Mannings was second-team all-Ivy as a sophomore in '88. Rob Ryder started at the other end last season. The tackles, however, are all new. The cornerbacks are the cornerstones of Cornell's secondary. Evan Parke was all-Ivy and Paul Tully is solid on the other side. Mike Brown returns to strong safety after moving to running back last season.

Although hit hard by losses, there is promise in Cornell's offensive backfield, which has more breakaway speed this year. John McNiff, who missed last season with an injury, gives the Big Red speed at fullback. Halfback Richard Rand can run, block, and is one of the best receivers on the team. Junior quarterback Chris Cochrane is also run-oriented. The most experienced wide receivers are Frank Monago and Dale Printy. Steve Hettrich is the tight end. The whole line was wiped out by graduation. Senior guard Drew Fraser is the graybeard, having started two games in 1988.

The kicking game is Cornell's most experienced area, with punter Scott Miller and place-kicker Andy Bednar returning.

BROWN

Brown's winless '88 season (0-9-1) wasn't unexpected since the Bears lost so much from their 7-3 team the previous year. Coach John Rosenberg has more experience to work with, especially from his skill players. He also hired former NFL coach Les Steckel as his offensive coordinator. Steckel will convert Brown's option offense to a pro style. Quarterbacks Danny Clark and Rich Willis will operate the new attack. The wide receivers are the best in Rosenberg's tenure. Flanker Mike Geroux, second-team all-Ivy, heads the list. Tailback Nick Badalato can run and catch.

Steve Harrison, a two-year starter at tight end, may be moved to offensive tackle. If so, Ron Berger or Ralph Green will take over at tight end. Brown is one line away from being a good offense. Senior center Dave Tauber is the only starter returning. Besides Harrison, another player who might switch positions to the line is defensive tackle David Slates. Sam Jin should start at one tackle spot.

The defense was young and inexperienced last season and should improve immensely. There is enough depth in the defensive line to allow Slates to move to offense, if needed. Reid Smith, Chris Rains, and Ron Daigle were all regulars in 1988. Brown is strong at inside linebacker with Jim Burke, who led the Bears with 127 tackles, and Steve Kapfer. Scott Perry and Duane Weirich are the starters at outside linebacker. The Bears are solid in

the secondary with the return of John Francis at cornerback, George Dzuro at free safety, and Greg Patrick at strong safety.

HARVARD

The Crimson, expected to soar to its second straight Ivy crown last year, instead crashed in a pool of red in one of coach Joe Restic's worst seasons. This is his 19th, and it can't be as bad as '88, can it? While last year's team was crammed with veterans, Harvard is more inexperienced now, having lost 14 starters, eight of them on offense. The corps of players responsible for the thrill of '87 and the disappointment of '88 are gone. The Crimson lost its best rusher, but the running game will be the centerpiece of its offense in 1989. Fullback Art McMahon averaged 5.6 yards a carry. Wingbacks Jim Reidy and Silas Myers have game-breaking abilities. New quarterback Tim Perry is a dangerous runner who returned kickoffs last season. Senior split end Mark Bianchi is the leading receiver from last season (17 catches). Mike

Tubby Raymond. The big vacancy for Raymond is at quarterback, where two-year starter Dave Sierer has left. "It would appear that the heir apparent would be Rob Prosniewski, who served as the backup last year although he never took a snap," said Raymond. The other prospects are Bill Vergantino and Andy Johnson, both redshirt freshmen.

Shifty senior Gil Knight is the top returning rusher (409 yards and a 4.6 average). He had a career-best 82 yards against national champion Furman in the NCAA playoffs. The other tested backs are Admiral Sydnor, Daryl Brantley, and Tom Goudeaux. One of them may wind up with the vacant fullback job. Another key producer on offense is John Yerger, a two-year regular at tight end. John Gilman has experience at split end. Other returning starters on offense are tackles Dave Buchanan and John Sullivan and guard Dave Price. The Hens also have place-kicker Don O'Brien back from the team that was ranked 15th in Division I-AA a year ago.

VILLANOVA

The newest team in the league already has earned respect. The Wildcats won four of their first five YC games last year before dropping their last three and settling for a 4-4 record, which was good for a four-way tie for second.

The offense again will be led by quarterback Kirk Schulz, a three-year starter who holds 30 school records, including 6,832 yards passing, 54 touchdowns, and a .597 completion percentage. Schulz still has favorite target Robert Brady, an academic All-America wide receiver who nabbed 45 passes for 636 yards and six touchdowns last year. Senior Jeff Werth is the most experienced tight end but Scott Donald and Chris Nanni are promising freshmen redshirts.

The running game, one of the team's biggest surprises a year ago, will miss fullbacks Peter Lombardi and Gary Pascoe, but game-breaking junior Jeff Dingle will see the ball often at tailback. Dingle comes off a sparkling 868-yard (5.5 per-carry average) season. Sophomore Pat Kennedy is an experienced backup. Senior John Karoly and redshirt Jeff Johnson have been switched from tailback to fill the fullback vacancy. The Cats lost four starters in the offensive line, with only all-league center Bryan Russo returning. Leading candidates are tackles Mike Del Vacchio and Dave Stahl, guards John Marichak and Marc Marrone, and center John Powers.

Coach Andy Tally is forced to do some juggling on defense, where eight starters have departed. Linebacker Mickey Watson, middle guard Paul Franco, and safety Chris Hunt are the returning regulars. All-league place-kicker Tom Withka and punter Perry Hodge (39.3-yard average) also are back.

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DELAWARE

No doubt the Blue Hens are starting the season with a more solid look on defense. Nine starters return, headed by Kodak All-America Mike Renna at tackle and AP All-America honorable mention John Levelis at end. The other regulars back are end Rob McMullen, linebackers Erik Ringoen and Todd Eller, tackle Rob Daddio, cornerbacks Robin Callender and Marc Sydnor, and safety Mike McCall.

Delaware is celebrating its 100th anniversary of football—and 24 of them belong to coach

CONNECTICUT

Matt DeGennaro, last year's Yankee Conference offensive player of the year, is back for his senior season. The 6-2, 189-pound quarterback kept opposing defenses busy in 1988 with his 2,633 yards and 17 touchdowns. But the Huskies will be missing two of the other outstanding offensive weapons who helped produce a 7-4 record and a tie for second in the league: all-YC and 1,000-yard running back George Boothe and league-leading receiver Glen Antrum.



MIKE BUCK
Maine

The only other returning starter in the backfield is fullback Mark Landolfi, who had just 153 yards last season. Sophomore Jeff Jackson and redshirt freshman Mike Ellis have been getting most of the work at tailback. Split end Mike Nolan, flanker Mark Didio, and tight end Anthony Miller, all who saw considerable time in reserve roles, look like DeGennaro's most likely pass targets. Starters returning in the line are tackles Mike Coleman and Stuart Milberg and center Paul Jarmoszko.

On defense, there are eight starters back. The leader is outside linebacker Troy Ashley, an all-YC pick and the team's top tackler. Backers David Dudley and Peter Baran also return. The line remains intact with Drew Cary, Terry Clark, and Mike Garcia and the secondary still has cornerback Rusty Neal and strong safety Abbott Burrell.

Place-kicker Rob Moons, who had a school-record 35-for-37 PATs last year, is back, but the Huskies need a punter to replace all-league standout Jim Carriere. Transfer Mike Raynard may win the job. He had a 41.9-yard average at Division III Edinboro.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Wildcats were the best passing team in the league a year ago, but that was when Bob Jean was the pitcher and wide receiver Curtis Olds was the catcher. With this record-setting battery gone, it's possible that 17-year coach Bill Bowes will be attacking more often from the ground. Tailback Norm Ford, who carried for 970 yards and led the YC in scoring (96 points), may be carrying the ball more. Standout fullback Matt Banbury also returns. Strong-armed senior Mark Carr is the likely choice at quarterback, although he played in only two games a year ago. Junior Matt Griffin and sophomore Terry O'Hare are in the picture. Experienced receivers still around are

Chris Braune and tight end Rob Spittel. Tackles Dick James and Fred Sullivan and guard Fred Huth are the solid returnees in the line.

The defense lost only two starters. Returning up front are end John Dubots, nose guard Sherm Beatty, and tackles John MacNeill and Doug Ruggles. Gary Bua and Dwayne Sabb are the most experienced candidates for the other end. At linebacker, Will Tychsen and Chris McGrath, the two top tacklers, head a talented and deep unit. The secondary still has veteran cornerbacks Ryan Jones and Tim Byrne and free safety Garry Jordan. Tom Joy may move into the vacant strong-safety spot.

The Wildcats have posted six straight winning seasons, including last year's 6-5 mark. If Carr does the job at quarterback and Ford has another big year, New Hampshire will be contending for the title.

MAINE

You have to like the Black Bears' one-two punch of Mike Buck and Carl Smith. Buck, the record-setting senior quarterback, passed for 2,575 yards and 21 touchdowns a year ago and Smith ran for 755 yards as a freshman. Not a bad situation for new coach Tom Lichtenberg. Buck and Smith were the main reasons the 7-4 '88 team led the league in total offense with an average of 432.4 yards per game. Jeff Knox and Steve Roth provide the Bears with proven targets at wide receiver. Two huge juniors, Matt Swinson (6-5, 240) and Mike Bitterman (6-6, 260), are competing at tight end. There's quality and depth at fullback, with Ray Wood, Darrell Delucca, and John Lapiana all with experience. Sophomore Ben Sirmans has been moved from tailback. In the offensive line, there are holes at tackle and center, but heading the returning starters is 6-6, 290-pound all-ECAC tackle Scott Hough. Also back are guards Rob Noble and Tom Rogers.

The defense, which was No. 1 in the conference against the run last season, has tackle Justin Strzelcyk as the only starter back on the line. Mike Smith, the leading returning tackler, is the middle linebacker. The tested outside people are Mike Denino, John Gibson, and Craig Thibeau. The secondary was a strength last year and safeties Claude Pettaway and Jamal Williamson are two-year starters. Another returning regular is sophomore cornerback John Ballard.

MASSACHUSETTS

After years of musical chairs with his quarterbacks, coach Jim Reid finally settled on Dave Palazzi last season. Palazzi responded by putting his name in the record book in eight categories—a major reason why the team finished 8-4 with a share of the Yankee Conference beanpot and its first NCAA playoff spot in 10 years. But gone is Palazzi, along with leading rusher Kevin Smellie (887 yards) and inside linebacker and first-team All-America John McKeown.

The quarterback situation may challenge Reid's juggling talents. He has dropback passers in Roger Baldacci, Paul Tornatore, and Ed Diaz. He also has Tom Fasano and Syracuse transfer Warren Stith, a couple of rollout specialists. "Not one of them has ever taken a varsity snap," said Reid. The tested people in the backfield are fullbacks David Mitchell, Jim Pastorick, and Duncan MacRae;

Steve Olson has some experience at tailback. Leading receiver Chip Mitchell, who also is a very effective kick returner, is back. Other top receivers are split end Lamar Newsome and flankers Mike Tobin and Ron Blauvelt. The best on the offensive line are center Al Pogarian and guards Tony Giudice and Paul Mayberry, who was all-New England two years ago before being slowed by knee problems.

The defense returns nine starters, but as Reid, the YC and New England coach of the year, said, "We were last in the league against the rush and the pass." The top returnees are tackle Joe Cullen, outside linebacker Matt Tully, and all-New England cornerback Jerome Bledsoe. Other starters are tackle Steve Brothers, linebackers Drew Comeau and George Karelis, and backs Garrick Amos, Vaughn Williams, and Pat Doran.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rams were probably hit harder by injuries than anyone else in the league last year, but they still managed to beat co-champion Delaware and title-contending Connecticut on the road in a 4-7 season. With 39 lettermen and veteran starters at virtually every position, coach Bob Griffin's gang could make serious trouble in the title race.

Junior quarterback Steve Monaco is coming off a 1,505 yard-passing effort and tailback Chris Poirier, who played hurt most of last year and still had over 500 all-purpose yards, is healthy again. Fullback Tony Lowe also returns. Backups with starting experience are quarterback Kevin Neville, tailback Mike Rogers, and fullback Mike Prew. Todd Cook returns at split end. In the line, tackles Erik Manley and Russ Green, guard Chris Sargent, and center Joe Philbin are back from the team that started last year's final game.

Cornerback Kevin Smith, who led the NCAA with 10 interceptions as a sophomore and was an all-East pick, heads a solid array of defensive returnees. Kurt Brockwell and Pat Narducci are the leaders at linebacker. Other proven talents are ends Mark Buckley and Carl Mackey, nose guard John Klumbach, tackle Rich Heffernan, cornerback Ricky Ford, and safety Jeff Hogan.

Sophomore kicker Chris Cassara led the team in scoring (45 points) and also handled the punting.

RICHMOND

A lot of the Spiders' problems a year ago had to be because of the loss of back Erwin Matthews, the school's all-time rushing leader who went out after five games with a knee injury. Tailback Eric Hopkins, who showed his speed and tackle-breaking talents as Matthews' replacement, should be the leader in the run-oriented offense. The other tailbacks are Brian Robinson and redshirt freshman Tony Dozier. Sam Yaffa returns as the starting fullback, with Rex Hawley an experienced backup. Jeff Snead (6-5, 190), who alternated at quarterback with sophomore Austin Neuhoff last year, looks like No. 1 because Neuhoff suffered a career-ending concussion. Also in the running is Tennessee transfer Kyle Horner. Larry Spelman returns at tight end, with Marvin Hargrove and Curtis Jefferson battling for split end. The team will be looking for help in the offensive line. Only guards Jeff Ely and Jeff Keel are returning starters. Brant-

Iey Harris and sophomore Carl Wills are the top candidates at tackle and junior Rod Chenuault is the early favorite at center.

All-America tackle Tom Coles anchors the defense. The other solid veterans are tackle Britt Adams, linebackers Euburn Taylor, Chip Buhler, Keith Wilson, and Tracey Parker and cornerbacks Erriel Roberson and Travis Crocker. The kicking game is a strong suit, with all-YC Rob Courter and punter Jeff Olivo (40.8 avg.) returning.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Winning three of their last four games last year made Chris Palmer's first season (4-7) easier to take, but the new year still starts with a lot of uncertainties. The Terriers must find replacements for quarterback Jim Schuman and All-America cornerback Mark Seals. And new starters are needed in the offensive line.

Sophomore Walter Norton had experience at quarterback last year and looks like the top choice to direct the run-and-shoot offense. Junior-college transfers Stan Greene and Mike Hyder are the other prospects. Greene quarterbacked Bakersfield JC to the national title last year. The receivers are plentiful. Daren Altieri (76 catches for 743 yards), Bryan Graves, Andy McBride, and Darrell Huffman all are proven talents. Vince Jackson, who lettered two years ago as a running back, also will be working as a receiver. The ground game is in good hands with leading rusher

will be missing. Mike Horton, an all-New England quarterback who fired for 2,268 yards and 15 touchdowns a year ago, is now a member of the alumni. Jay McLucas, a junior backup, has the job. The offense still has many of the other top performers, led by tailback and top rusher (501 yards) Weaver Williams. Fullback Keith McCoy also returns, along with receivers Dan Schwab and Pierre Fils. Schwab accounted for 615 yards and four touchdowns. Fils led the nation as a kick returner last year with a 31.5-yard average. The best offensive linemen are center Dave Loane and guard Harry Boatwright. There are several holes to fill up front.

The defense has nine returning starters. The leaders are middle linebacker Tyrone Barnett, who was first on the team in tackles, end Keith Dudzinski, and tackle Tom Collett—all first team all-New Englanders.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL

He could change his mind, but coach Alex Rotsko made a bold move in spring practice by switching all-New England quarterback Mark Cordeiro to running back. The versatile Cordeiro fired a school-record 22 touchdown passes a year ago and ran for 551 yards. Two years ago he was a full-time halfback. "We're trying to improve our running game and Cordeiro definitely does that for us," said Rotsko. "He can run, he's a great pass receiver, and he can block." Rotsko gave three sophomore quarterbacks a lot of work in the spring, with Sean Rivers and Tony Ragone appearing to have the inside track. Rivers played some last year, so he knows the wing-T offense. Ragone has the strongest arm and is the best runner of the trio. Fullback Hugh Henry returns and sophomore Beau Snell also is an impressive runner. Another plus is split end Alan Monteiro, who caught 41 passes for 881 yards and 15 touchdowns. Also back are tight ends Steve Brunelle and Paul Goodwin, tackle Tom Murray, three-year starting guards Dean Kanabrocki and Don Wright, and center Bob Weeks.

The solid starters on defense are nose guard George Patterson, tackles Dave Fleming and Gab Mokwuh, linebackers Chris Dalton and Dave Maxwell, and backs Robert Lee, Monty Cato, and Chris Moore.

SPRINGFIELD

The Chiefs, 6-3-1 a year ago, will be gunning for their third straight winning season with junior quarterback Bill Burkhead at the controls of the wishbone attack. The Chiefs racked up a school-record 3,242 yards rushing last year and were third in the NCAA's Division II with a 324.2-yard per-game average. Burkhead contributed 853 yards and eight touchdowns. The big problem, however, will be replacing all-New England fullback Andy Bellagamba, who rushed for 1,203 yards. The most likely choice for the job is sophomore Rich Gray, who carried only 13 times last year. Tito Raymond and Wilfred Hill are the returning veterans at halfback. A promising recruit is Tad Desautels, an all-Western Massachusetts high school star from South Hadley. The offense still has tight end Kevin Crean and split end Dennis Green, plus tackles Kevin Norman and Eric Hackendorf, and center John Martocci, who is moving from tackle to replace two-time all-New Englander Jim Holland.

The big push this fall will be finding the replacements on defense, where seven starters

departed. The top returnees are linebacker Scott Fry and defensive backs Greg Barnette and Tariff Waters.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

A year ago, the Blue Devils recorded their first winning season since 1984 when they finished 5-3-1. Coach Michael McGlinchey will be starting his third year with 15 returning starters, including sophomore quarterback Eric Valentine, who led the team to a 3-1-1 record when he took over the job in the middle of the season. Valentine had a .556 completion percentage, threw five touchdown passes, and was never intercepted. Rodney Baron is back for his senior season at halfback, where he averaged 5.4 yards per carry. Other veteran carriers for the wing-T are Herb Walker and Mike Cerullo. Brian West, who led the team with 36 catches for 410 yards, and tight end Tom Curran also are back.

Nose guard Doug Magazu, who made Kodak College All-America as a junior a year ago, leads a defense which has some leaks to repair. Other experienced performers are linebackers Juan Roman and Chris Farfars, end Michael Harty, and backs Eric Corkum, Chris Landolfi, and Sean McCarthy.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT

There'll be a big celebration on the New Haven campus when that first victory comes along, since the Owls were 0-10 a year ago and have lost 19 in a row. This will be the first full season for the team on its new artificially surfaced field, and coach Rich Cavanaugh also is trying to shake things up by switching from the wing-T to a multiple-I set. Back in charge is junior quarterback Dennis Wade, who set several records last season, including a single-game passing mark of 308 yards. Leading rusher Ivan Cropper also returns, as does running back Randy Campbell, who missed all of last season with a shoulder injury. Other assets on offense are center Pat Burke, tackle Mike Cassar, split end Chris Smith, who handles the punting, and placekicker Darren DiFlorio.

There's some rebuilding to be done on defense, but tackles Mike Mason and Sean Sheehan were impressive in spring drills. Also back are outside linebacker Pete Cusick, end Dave Hill, and cornerback Kirk Gordon.

No New England team has ever made the NCAA Division II playoffs, although Southern Connecticut came the closest when it was 9-1 in 1982.

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EASTERN DIVISION

MILLERSVILLE

(6-0, 10-2) The Marauders enjoyed their winningest season ever in 1988 and captured the Lambert-Meadowlands Cup and the ECAC Division II Team of the Year award. Coach Gene Carpenter (127-53-4 in 18 years) has to replace 17 seniors and 11 starters, including quarterback Bret Stover and linebacker John Petrus, who led the team to the NCAA quarterfinals. Carpenter still expects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the school's football program with another successful season. Back are two all-East players in tailback Scott Highley, who had six 100-yard games, and placekicker Luke Hadfield. Tim Cunningham, Mark Painter, and Todd Van Horn anchor the line.

CHIP MITCHELL
Massachusetts



Jay Hillman. The offensive linemen with starting experience are tackle Peter Bengtson and guards Dave DeGuglielmo, Nigel Midhurst, and Chris Doyle.

Palmer figures his defense will be strong, with Jim Mercer and Ben Cowan back in the line and Dennis Carson, Pat Fauchette, and Chenuault Bethea returning to the linebacking corps. While replacements must be found for Seals and Skip Jackson at cornerback, the Terriers do have two excellent safeties in Mike White and Robert Talley.

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NEW HAVEN

The Chargers have gone 8-2, 8-2, and 7-3 the last three seasons, but their biggest weapon

The strength of the defense should be the secondary which features Darren Ryals (six interceptions) and Pete King (seven interceptions). Nose guard Scott Sorantino is the only returnee on the line. Replacements also are needed at linebacker Desi Washington is one of the conference's top kick returners.

WEST CHESTER

(5-1, 9-2) Rick Daniels has one of the toughest assignments of any first-year PC coach ever. He must replace the league's all-time leading passer, Al Niemela (7,853 yards and 73 touchdowns), and receiver, Bill Hess (2,729 career yards and 28 TDs). Also gone are five other all-PC players from a team which gained an NCAA Division II playoff berth. The key returnee is tailback and 1,000-yard rusher Derrick Price. He will be joined in the backfield by two Browns, junior quarterback Ed and senior fullback Mike. Tight end Scott Asman (32 catches, 396 yards) and wideouts Tom Settembrino and George Reid are all quality receivers. The team's best on defense should be all-conference linebacker and leading tackler Paul Vancovich, tackle Greg Espenashade, and cornerback Gerald Toney.

EAST STROUDSBURG

(3-3, 4-6) Inside linebacker Pat Brady gives the Warriors a returning All-America player for the first time ever. Brady (6-2, 243) led the team in tackles in all 10 games. He is one of eight starters back from a defense that ranked nationally in fewest points (11.6) and yards (222.0) allowed per game. Also back for veteran coach Denny Douds (89-61-1, 15 years) are linebackers Douglas Moore and Ernie Sebastianelli and end Bob Heumann. The team lost four games by three points or less and more spark is needed on offense. The top returnees are receivers Dennis Mailhot and Ken Kopetchny and fullback Kelly Gabriel.

BLOOMSBURG

(4-2, 7-4) The Huskies will have strength up front with four veteran offensive linemen but hardly anyone with experience in the backfield. Senior center John Fulmer has made the all-conference squad three straight years. He will team with guards Dave Pysher and Rob Grow and tackle Brian Crouthamel. There also are two seasoned receivers in tight end Paul Lonergan (40 catches, 508 yards) and Jeff Sparks. Four players are vying for the quarterback position, with sophomore Dave Robson the likely starter. The running-back positions are wide open. End John Hellgren and backs Tom Heavey, Trent Dennis, and Derrick Hill give the team a good defensive base.

CHEYNEY

(1-5, 2-8) Coach Mike Costa doesn't have many new names to learn on defense this season. Eight starters are back from the unit which ranked among the nation's best. Huge end Jim Williams (6-8, 280) and Ron Curry put a bite in the Wolves' line play. Free safety Julius Flynn is one of the conference's most talented defensive backs. On offense, Costa has to come up with a consistent running attack to balance his team's passing game. Andre Baylor will be at quarterback again, throwing to Brian Christian, Antoine Price, and Melvin Tate. Center Chris Erickson and tackle Trinis Robinson are the top linemen.

KUTZTOWN

(0-6, 2-8) The Golden Bears hope that the off-

season has erased some of the bitter memories of the 1988 campaign. The team lost its last six games and had one of the weakest defenses in the conference (average yield of 33.8 points per game). Second-year coach Barry Fetterman expects his team's running game to be strong with two highly versatile backs. Tailback and kick returner Mark Steinmeyer accounted for more than 1,300 yards in all-purpose running last season. Fullback Joe Svede was the team's top receiver and No.2 rusher. Tackle John Eagles will anchor the offensive line. Linebacker Erv Kelly was one of the lone bright spots on defense last season.

MANSFIELD

(2-4, 4-5-2) Coach Tom Elsasser must find replacements for four seniors who accounted for 26 school records. Gone are record-setting quarterback Craig Jobes, all-time top receivers John Wood and Jim Cosgrove, and linebacker and career tackle leader Riki Kimble. Senior Dave Zlinsky and sophomore Chris Eiswerth will battle for the quarterback position. Their top passing target should be junior wide receiver Duane MacDonald. The entire offensive line returns, headed by guard Ben Bartron. The Mounties' defensive mainstays are linebackers Ron Walters and Willie Watts and safety Troy Barbusca.

WESTERN DIVISION

INDIANA

(5-1, 8-3) The Big Indians were ranked as high as third in Division II last season and made the national playoffs for the second straight year. Two losses to Shippensburg for the PC West title and Millersville in the playoffs spoiled an otherwise successful season. Coach Frank Cignetti will have veteran lines on both sides of the ball. Three-year tackle Jim Uncapher and center Shawn Kunes earned all-PC first-team honors last season. All three top receivers return: PC West Rookie of the Year Andrew Hill, three-year starter Rex Pynos and tight end Paul Kovell. The offensive backfield must be completely rebuilt, however. On defense, the Indians will depend on nose guard Joe Donati, tackle Jeff Johnson, end Stan Celich, and all-PC linebacker Bryan Whippley.

EDINBORO

(4-1-1, 5-4-1) The Fightin' Scots lost a chance to tie for the Western Division title last year when they tied Slippery Rock, 14-14, in the season finale. They should be in title contention again with 10 starters back on defense and all-PC tailback Elbert Cole returning on offense. Heading the defensive platoon will be all-conference safety Mike Willis (111 tackles) and tackle Chip Conrad. Cole ran for 909 yards and nine touchdowns last season and also caught 26 passes for 232 yards. Hal Galupi (1,473 yards passing) and Jim Ross are available at quarterback. Center Joe Brooks is the top returning offensive lineman. The main problem spot could be wide receiver.

SHIPPENBURG

(5-1, 6-4) The Red Raiders were the surprise winners in the West last year. They beat Indiana, 24-23, with a goal-line stand in the final minutes in an early-season game which eventually decided the division race. Coach Joe Bottiglieri is counting on defense again in '89. Tackle Robert Davis and end Mike Swope will spearhead the line. David Russell and Steve Gironda are two solid linebackers. Team inter-

ception leaders Darien Smith and Jeff Fickes are back. The Raiders' offense will revolve around the blocking of tackle Clyde Tinner (6-7, 286) and the running of fullback Bob Plummer (602 yards).

CALIFORNIA

(1-5, 2-8) The Vulcans scored plenty of points last season but gave up even more. A prime example was a season-finale 58-45 loss to Fairmont State. The team's offense should continue to be effective with seven starters back. Sam Mannery was the all-PC West first-team quarterback after passing for 1,910 yards and 21 touchdowns. He will have to find new targets with the loss of top receivers Terry O'Shea and Bryan Greer. Senior tailback and kick returner Steve Brown should handle the bulk of the running chores. The team's best on defense are linebacker Tom Cawoski, end Odell Jones, and safety Joe Waskiewicz (seven interceptions).

CLARION

(2-4, 3-7) For the first time in 28 years, the Golden Eagles will have to bounce back from a losing season. Last year's 3-7 record snapped the school's Division II-leading streak of 27 straight non-losing seasons. Coach Gene Sobolewski is depending on better play at quarterback and on the defensive line to return his team to the winning column. The other position areas should be solid. Flanker Ron Urbansky (99 career catches, 1,505 yards) is one of the PC's best. Fullback Keith Powell will be running behind a veteran line headed by second-team All-America guard Larry Wiesenbach (6-0, 240). Linebackers Bo Hamlett and Doug Caruso and free safety Jacques DeMatteo will lead the defensive platoon.

SLIPPERY ROCK

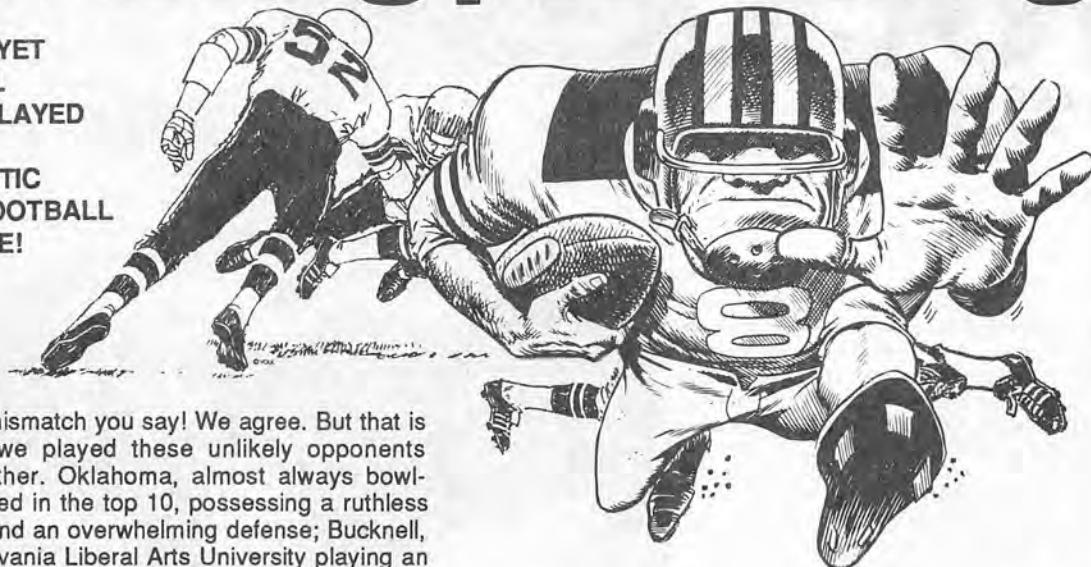
(2-2-2, 5-3-2) The Rockets posted their first winning record in four years in 1988. The question is how much of that was attributable to the skills of senior All-America tailback Greg Paterra, the Western Division Player of the Year? Paterra carried the ball 27 times per game and rushed for 1,296 yards. Now coach George Mihalik may have to revamp his offense and depend more on quarterback Pat Strine (1,285 yards passing). Scott Opalsky is the top candidate to take over at tailback. Four offensive linemen return, including all-conference tackle Matt Humphreys (6-2, 270). The team's premier defensive player is end Tim Kelly. The Rockets have two of the league's best kickers in all-PC punter Nick Valentino and place-kicker Craig Mahek.

LOCK HAVEN

(0-5, 2-7-2) The Bald Eagles hope to leave a pair of consecutive two-win seasons behind and soar to the .500 mark. Three all-PC first-team players return in wide receiver Richard Nurse, defensive tackle Scott Govern, and free safety Dewayne Tooles. Quarterback Rich Hunter is back after missing last year because of an injury. He will be challenged by transfer Jimmy Broadway, whose flashy style complements his name. There will be plenty of experience on the offensive line with five of six starters returning, including guard Fritz Sevrain and tight end Jeff Polites. Running back and fullback are the questions marks. Defensively, third-year coach Tom Jones will rely on linebackers Todd Stuter and Jim Bibbs and backs Guy Wade and Dave Laudeman.

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rockies

by LEE BENSON

SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS

If the football people out West will please dispense with their high-fiving and boot-stomping and come to grips with the fact that the 1988 season must now be laid to rest, then the WAC and Big Sky Conferences can get on with their encore acts for 1989.

As football years go in the Rockies (and adjoining annexed territory, the Hawaiian Islands), 1988 was something to celebrate well into the offseason. There have been worse years than this in the Mountain Time Zone, and not too many better. Three of the WAC's nine teams went to bowl games and three of the Big Sky's nine teams went to the I-AA playoffs. That's a third of the leagues' combined membership. In December, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, and the Texas panhandle were practically ghost towns as football fans were off to wherever their favorite schools were continuing their seasons.

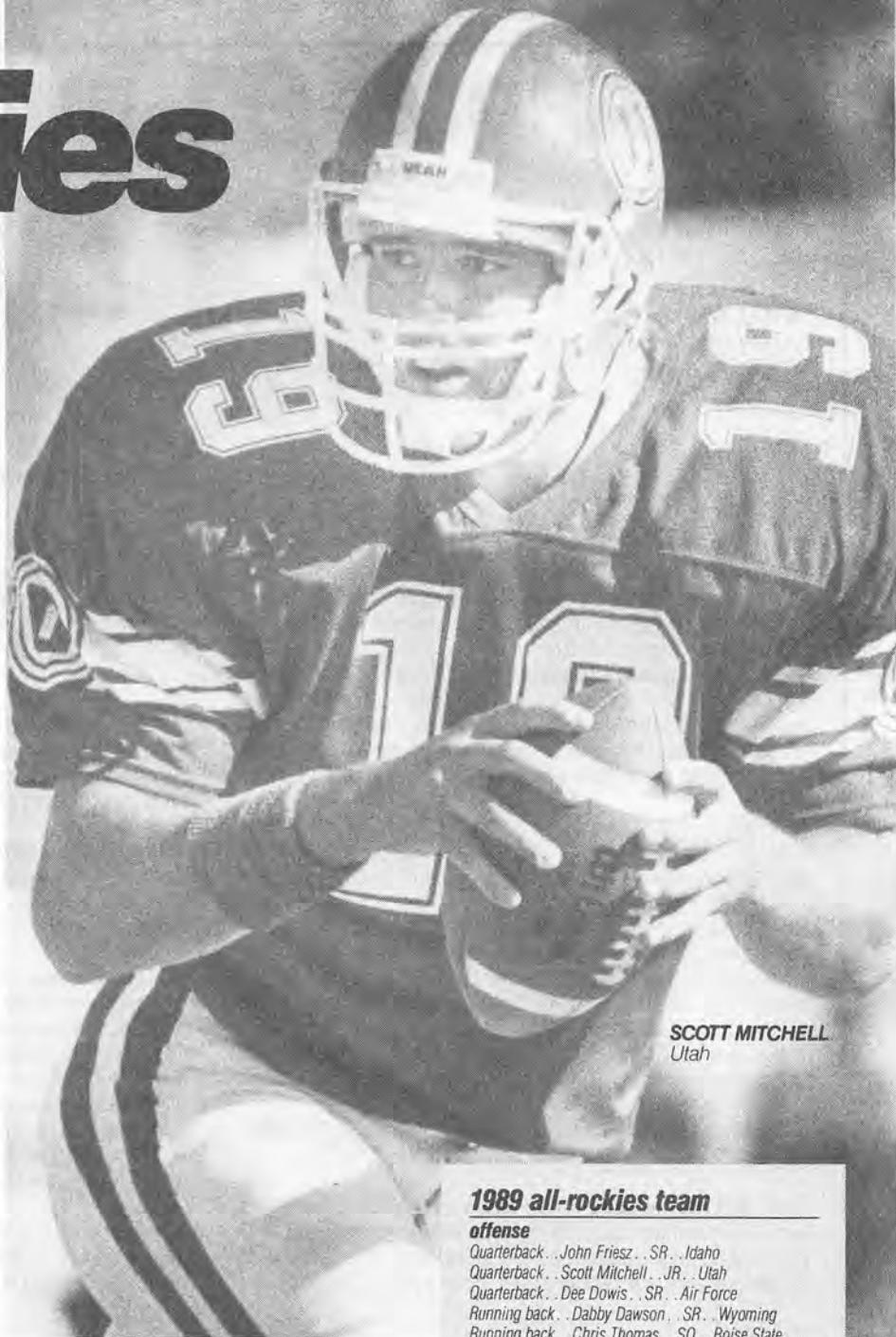
And 1989 could produce more of the same. Returning lettermen are not an endangered species in either league; neither are returning starters, a category headlined by the I-A and I-AA reigning individual total-offense champions: namely, University of Utah quarterback Scott Mitchell and University of Idaho quarterback John Friesz.

In the WAC, Mitchell, who averaged 390.8 yards total offense last season, is the latest in a long line of prolific, pass-happy quarterbacks who would no doubt win a Heisman Trophy one of these years if his team operated in a time zone not hidden by the Continental Divide. Just a junior, Mitchell already has 24 WAC and seven NCAA offensive records to his credit. He figures to add to those this season, with Utah poised to pass the football, and then pass it some more.

For those purists who prefer the football to be carried, Air Force quarterback Dee Dowis is the WAC's man for that category. An All-America and Heisman candidate in his own right, Dowis, a senior, holds the NCAA record for yards rushing by a quarterback. In fact, as the director of Air Force's wishbone offense, he has rushed for more yards (2,287) the last two years than any player in the WAC.

Also not to be forgotten in the WAC quarterback lineup is BYU's Ty Detmer, a sophomore who specialized so well in relief work in 1988 that he earned the starting spot in the last game of the season, when he brought the Cougars from behind in the Freedom Bowl to defeat Colorado, 20-17.

But while these three quarterbacks lead the list of individuals to watch in the always offensive WAC (last year's scoring average of 29.47 points per game led all leagues in the country), it's a school that has to replace its



SCOTT MITCHELL
Utah

1989 all-rockies team

offense

Quarterback . . John Friesz . SR . Idaho
Quarterback . . Scott Mitchell . JR . Utah
Quarterback . . Dee Dowis . SR . Air Force
Running back . . Dabby Dawson . SR . Wyoming
Running back . . Chris Thomas . SO . Boise State
Wide receiver . . Monty Gilbreath . SR . San Diego State
Wide receiver . . Matt Bellini . JR . Brigham Young
Tight end . . Dennis Smith . SR . Utah
Line . . Dave Dolan . SR . Utah
Line . . Romas Fortin . SR . San Diego State
Line . . Steve Casper . SR . Texas-El Paso
Line . . Kirk Scrafford . JR . Montana
Line . . Steve Unger . SR . Idaho
Place-kicker . . Mickey Penallor . SR . Northern Arizona
defense

Line . . Mitch Donahue . JR . Wyoming
Line . . John Bell . JR . New Mexico
Line . . Erik Helgeson . JR . Boise State
Linebacker . . Bob Davis . SR . Brigham Young
Linebacker . . Ken Sale . SR . Texas-El Paso
Linebacker . . Randle Gladney . SR . Air Force
Linebacker . . Tim Hauck . SR . Montana
Back . . Brian Smith . SR . Idaho
Back . . Kenny Kuehl . JR . Boise State
Back . . LaVon Edwards . SO . Utah
Back . . Walter Briggs . SR . Hawaii
Punter . . Jody Farmer . SR . Montana

yards-per-game average topped Division I-AA last year, and with 11 other Vandals back, Idaho shouldn't be headed for a depression. Not returning, however, is head coach Keith Gilbertson, who took an assistant position at the University of Washington and will be replaced by John L. Smith.

Because of that disruption, and because both Boise State and Montana—the other Big Sky teams that went to the I-AA playoffs last year—have even more experience returning, including their returning quarterbacks, Duane Halliday and Grady Bennett, respectively, Idaho doesn't figure to be a shoo-in for three league titles in a row, Friesz's track record notwithstanding.

western athletic conference

HAWAII

It may not comply exactly with preferred Honolulu Chamber of Commerce behavior, but what the University of Hawaii football team has in mind this year is to take advantage of the tourist trade like never before. Gouging is not below their intentions. Neither are a variety of other forms of inhospitable behavior, such as taking unfair advantage of their opponents from the mainland while they're still in jet lag, or sunburned from an afternoon on Waikiki Beach, or overloaded on roast pig.

Whatever works. Opportunities like this don't come along every season. Of their 12 games this year, the Rainbow Warriors have 10 of them on island soil. They come across the Pacific twice, once for a September 16 date at Wyoming and again for an October 21 game at Colorado State. Every other oppo-

predictions

western athletic conference

1. Hawaii, 2. Brigham Young, 3. Air Force,
4. Utah, 5. Wyoming, 6. Colorado State,
7. San Diego State, 8. Texas-El Paso, 9. New Mexico

big sky conference

1. Montana, 2. Boise State, 3. Idaho,
4. Northern Arizona, 5. Nevada-Reno, 6. Montana State,
7. Weber State, 8. Eastern Washington, 9. Idaho State

ponent flies to Honolulu, where the Warriors have a history of winning a lot more than they lose.

Beyond the no-place-like-home advantage, the Warriors have 14 starters returning, and they now have three years' worth of experience with head coach Bob Wagner's spread offense, also known as the run-and-shoot. They don't have quarterback Warren Jones back to direct the spread (a modified option system that allows the quarterback more freedom to pass), but Garrett Gabriel, a Honolulu native, was Jones's backup a year ago. He stepped into the starting slot easily in the spring game, where he was a picture-perfect spread quarterback, completing nine of 14 passes for 122 yards and one touchdown.

Chris Roscoe, last year's leading receiver with 44 catches for 859 yards and a school-record nine touchdowns, is the top offensive hand back, along with Larry Khan-Smith, a second-team All-America kick returner who plays the receiver spot opposite Roscoe. Guard Larry Jones anchors the line, but the 'Bows need to regroup at running back, where sophomore Richard Stevenson is the leading candidate to take over where all-WAC Heikoti Faikava left off.

It's on defense that Hawaii looks most formi-

dable. Nine starters are back, and that includes the seven top tacklers from a unit that ranked third in the WAC. The secondary returns intact, which can be a very good thing in the pass-crazed WAC, although there is the sobering note that Hawaii ranked seventh out of the nine league schools in '88 against the pass. Still, with senior free safety Walter Briggs as an ultimate stopgap, the 'Bows look strong in the secondary, especially since they'll be standing on their own lava.

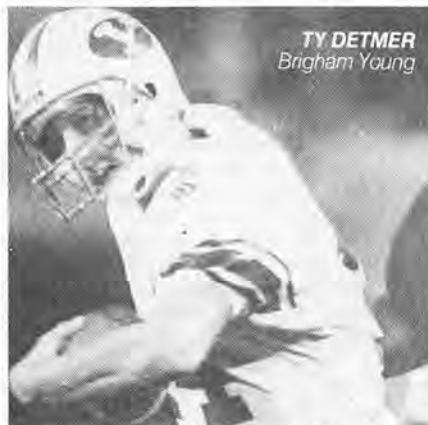
BRIGHAM YOUNG

During the past three seasons, the Cougars have finished second, second, and third in the WAC race and gone to a bowl game every time. Not bad by most standards. But for a program that won the WAC for 10 straight years prior to that, and won the national championship in 1984, things have been going in the wrong direction. Not that head coach LaVell Edwards, who comes into his 18th season at BYU with a won-lost mark of 155-53-1, shows any outward signs of angst. Indeed, spring practice was upbeat, buoyed by mem-

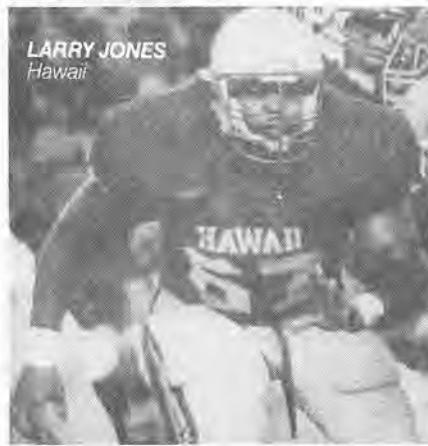
game, playing about a half, and if there's any one hook BYU needs to hang its high hopes on, it's at the quarterback position.

Detmer was sacked four times in the spring game, however, which was both good news and bad news. Good in the form of 6-4, 250-pound defensive end Rich Kaufausi, a junior-college recruit who got all four sacks and prompted a comparison from Edwards to former Cougar and Outland Trophy winner Jason Buck. Bad news in the offensive-line department, where graduation depleted every starter from 1988 as well as the top two reserves. Look for Mohammed Elewonibi to come on strong, though. A 6-5, 280-pound native of Nigeria, he's been playing football only since 1986, and still figures to be one of BYU's best pro prospects. The heart of the defense will be Bob Davis, a fearless linebacker who, for fun, likes to butt heads with his teammates—without their helmets. He was the leading tackler in 1988, with 148 in all and 80 unassisted. Two other linebacker starters return, Duane Johnson and Chad Robinson, giving the Cougars experience in the middle.

Detmer's favorite target will be Matt Bellini, younger brother of NFL wide receiver and former Cougar Mark Bellini. Matt will play at running back, or wherever he wants. Last year, as a sophomore, he caught 51 passes for the second year in a row and rushed for nearly 500 yards. Fullback Fred Whittingham also returns, and Stacey Corley should see a lot of playing time at running back. So should Mike Salido, if a broken leg suffered in the spring game heals effectively by the fall. Edwards said he sees promise in Chris Smith, a 225-



TY DETMER
Brigham Young



LARRY JONES
Hawaii



DEE DOWIS
Air Force

pound, 6-4 junior who is the projected starter at tight end. Jason Chaffetz, who kicked what proved to be the game-winning field goal against Colorado, figures to be a strong asset.

BYU returns nine starters, the fewest in the WAC. Still, when the Cougars are optimistic about their quarterback, that counts for a lot.

AIR FORCE

Coming off a 5-7 season and a sixth-place finish in the WAC (3-5), the Air Force Academy finds itself in an unusual situation: having to rebuild. It's been awhile since the Falcons had a losing season, either overall or in the WAC—six years to be exact.

A desire to reverse the losing trend quickly and a league schedule that could build early confidence are Air Force pluses. The Falcons open with two WAC games at home, against San Diego State and Wyoming. Then, after a

non-league date at Northwestern, they host UTEP. It is not inconceivable that by then the Academy could be 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the WAC. And in the category of tough things to stop once it gets a head of steam, the wishbone offense is at the top of the list.

Air Force's wishbone will again be led by quarterback Dee Dowis, a senior All-America candidate who has rushed for more yards in the last two seasons than any player in the WAC and whose career per-carry average is 6.27 yards. Dowis ran for 972 yards and passed for another 870 last season. This year, that 870 should balloon as coach Fisher DeBerry adds a passing wrinkle to his 'bone. That option was unveiled in the Blue-White spring game, where Dowis was given his fourth option. He could keep the ball, pitch to the fullback, pitch to the halfback, or step back four steps and pass. He went with option No. 4 enough to complete 10 of 20 passes for 187 yards and a touchdown. Dowis's main receiver figures to be Steve Senn, a senior who had nine catches for 178 yards in the spring game.

No offensive line starters return, a pre-season concern, and last year's top three rushers graduated. But running back Greg Johnson, technically a backup in '88 when he spent part of the time on the injured list (as did many Falcons), returns after an 834-yard season. Ron Gray, a halfback converted to quarterback, won the spring game with a 103-yard kickoff return in the final seconds. He figures to be an all-round threat.

Defensively, the Falcons have a strong and experienced linebacker triumvirate in Missouri transfer Terry Walker, 1988 leading tackler Brian Hill, and sack leader Randle Gladney.

Air Force's one scheduling problem is that New Mexico, thought to be the weakest team in the league, isn't on this year's calendar. So the Falcons play just seven WAC games instead of eight, and could potentially have a won-lost percentage problem if they end up tying at season's end in the loss column.

UTAH

It was a pleasant offseason for the Utes, a 6-5 team in 1988 that was 2-5 until the last four games, when quarterback Scott Mitchell really hit his stride and directed the team to four straight wins with an average scoring output of 46.5 points per game. Mitchell finished his sophomore year No. 1 nationally in individual total offense and No. 8 in passing efficiency, while the Utes as a team were first nationally in passing (395.9 yards per game) and total offense (526.82 ypg) and seventh in scoring offense (36.3 ppg).

With those kind of offensive statistics, Utah might have been No. 1 in the polls, too, and won the WAC instead of finishing fourth, but in scoring defense it ranked 93rd nationally and 98th (out of 104 teams) in total defense. Still, all was well that ended well, and when Utah ended a decade-long losing streak to arch-rival BYU in the final game with a 57-28 rout, Mitchell's name was bound for Heisman Trophy brochures. Not to mention for VCR tapes—a brainstorm of Utah sports information director Bruce Woodbury, who sent more than 300 of the six-minute tapes to TV stations and sportswriters around the country.

Mitchell heads a group of 13 returning starters that also includes senior tight end Dennis Smith, figured to vie for all-WAC honors, and a

strong linebacking unit of Frank Bonifacio, Garland Harris, and Darren Patterson. Gone are all of last year's top wide receivers, but Mitchell's field vision and release are expected to make any of a number of newcomers instant successes.

It's on defense that coach Jim Fassel has to find improvement if Mitchell's prowess has any hope of turning Utah from a .500 ball club. Last year Wyoming got 61 points against the Utes, Air Force 56, and Hawaii 48. Several junior-college transfers, including linebacker Howard Reeve from Utah's Dixie J.C., could fill in quickly to improve the defense.

The 1989 schedule could be a friend or a foe for the Utes, particularly at the beginning. They open at Fresno State, host Utah State, and then have games at Nebraska and Hawaii. A 1-3 start, highly possible, could have the team in a hole before it gets going. Then again, a 3-1 start, also possible, could give Mitchell all the momentum he needs. The Utes have to play expected conference contenders Hawaii, Wyoming, and Brigham Young on the road. They also travel to Stanford to play the school where Fassel was the quarterback coach who worked with John Elway.

WYOMING

Two-time defending WAC champion Wyoming has yet to lose a league game under coach Paul Roach, who replaced Dennis Erickson after the 1986 season. This year that string faces its sternest tests in the first two WAC games of the year. After a non-conference warm-up against Louisville, the Cowboys travel first to Air Force and then to Hawaii. After non-conference games against Washington State and Oklahoma State, they play at Brigham Young.

If the 'Pokes make it to mid-October alive, they should cruise to a third WAC title and bowl game. But even a crafty motivator like Roach, who likes to lead his players in a spirited chorus of "Ragtime Cowboy Joe" after each victory, might be hard-pressed to emerge unmarked by this schedule. He should complain to the athletic director. But he is the athletic director.

Nonetheless, interest is higher than ever on the high plains of Laramie, where the ticket office set a goal of an unprecedented season-ticket sale of 12,000. Last year's 7,000-plus was a record. At the '89 spring game, more than 7,000 came to watch, another record.

Twelve starters return, six each on offense and defense, but quarterback Randy Welniak isn't one of them. Replacing him is the biggest concern, and springtime only confused the issue. Sophomore squadmen Tom Corontzos and Bobby Fresques, who split time behind Welniak last season, and sophomore Peter Rowe, a transfer from Washington State, came out of the spring in a dead heat.

The best of the offensive returnees is running back Dabby Dawson, a 1,000-yard rusher from 1988 who was the WAC Newcomer of the Year. He was expected to be joined by Peter Gunn, but Gunn hurt his knee in the spring and could be lost for the season. That loss will be softened considerably if Darrell Perkins, a starter in 1987 until he injured his knee against BYU and was out for a year and a half, comes back to form. Perkins had a good spring.

The defense that ranked 19th in the nation last year (thankfully, the 62 points scored by

Barry Sanders and Oklahoma State in the Holiday Bowl didn't count) has third-team All-America end Mitch Donahue back. Free safety Daryl Harris is the mainstay and the only returning starter in the secondary.

Sophomore place-kicker Sean Fleming comes off a season that was perfect from the PAT line (59/59) and included 17 successful field goals in 25 tries, one a 52-yarder.

COLORADO STATE

The Rams have just about everybody back—except the coaching staff. There are 18 returning starters as well as both kickers, but gone is coach Leon Fuller, a victim of a 1-10 season. With the exception of losses to BYU (42-7), Utah (46-7), and Wyoming (48-14)—three of the best teams in the league—the Rams were in every game, including defeats by Arizona State (28-17), Colorado (27-23), Hawaii (31-23), and Air Force (29-23).

Still, 1-10 was 1-10, and Fuller's exit made way for coach Earle Bruce, who was fired in 1987 for averaging a measly nine victories a year at Ohio State. Bruce coached at Northern Iowa in 1988, but left that job when the Rams came calling. He quickly went to work, recruiting 20 high school and juco players (only two of whom are from Ohio). But for the most part he inherited Fuller's guys, including 46 lettermen. Bruce told the 18 returning offensive and defensive starters they would remain as such under his system until they proved otherwise. He and his new staff (just two Fuller holdovers were kept) implemented their run-oriented of-



JEREMY LEACH

New Mexico

fense in the spring, but Bruce said he expects to look at least a little like a typical WAC team, with a goal of 25 passes per game.

Quarterback Scooter Molander has to be replaced, and after spring ball sophomore Mike Gimenez, who played some fullback last year, emerged as the most probable candidate. But he was just barely ahead of Kevin Verdugo, a transfer from Kansas who started there as a freshman, and returnee Scott Benglen, a senior. Running back Todd Yert, last year's leading rusher, with a mere 235 yards, should see more carries under the new coach. Tailback Tony Carr, a freshman starter in '87 who sat out last year because of an injury, could be a pleasant surprise.

Linebackers Steve Rule, Gary Thompson, and Mike Epley anchor the experienced defense that must find replacements for just two backfield starters.

The Rams open the season with two tough road games, at Tennessee and Colorado, but have the luxury of non-conference home games against Cal-Fullerton and Eastern Michigan before they play their first WAC game, against Air Force in Ft. Collins.

SAN DIEGO STATE

In an attempt to reverse a losing trend, the Aztecs transferred head coach Denny Stoltz to the golf team, there to work out the remaining three years on his football contract. Replacing Stoltz is Al Luginbill, San Diego State's associate athletic director last season. Luginbill is not without coaching credentials. He was the junior college national Coach of the Year in 1977 after directing Pasadena J.C. to an 11-1 record, and at Arizona State he was Daryl Rogers' defensive coordinator for three seasons, leaving that position in 1985 to become an administrator. His 1982 Sun Devil unit was No. 1 in the country in total defense.

It will be Luginbill's task to shore up a unit that ranked 95th in the nation last season in total defense (out of 104 Division I-A teams) and gave up an average of 34.9 points per game. Eight defensive starters return, which isn't necessarily good news. Luginbill said he intends to implement a more pressure-type, gambling defense, in the image of his Arizona State teams.

Offensively, Luginbill plans an attack similar to what Dennis Erickson developed at Wyoming and Washington State: a quick-pass, one-back set. The coach's reasoning is simple. When he was at Arizona State, it was that offense he found toughest to prepare for. Scott Barrick, last year's quarterback, decided to leave football, citing burnout. The new starter will be Brad Platt or Iowa transfer Dan McGwire (the brother of Mark of the Oakland A's), a 6-8, 235-pounder who could fit in perfectly to the new offense. The Aztecs' best weapons figure to be wide receivers Patrick Rowe, Robert Claiborne, and Monty Gilbreath.

Still, with a schedule that includes UCLA and Miami, the Aztecs will be hard-pressed to win more than they lose, although it's possible that a program that went from 8-4 (and a WAC championship) in 1986, to 5-7 in 1987, to 3-8 last year, could regroup and head back in the other direction again.

TEXAS-EL PASO

The Miners also have a new coach. But not because they wanted one. After Bob Stull fashioned his best-in-school-history 10-3 1988 season, he was a wanted man by any number of Division I-A schools. He liked Missouri's offer best, and took virtually his entire staff with him. That left UTEP looking for its fourth head coach in the past eight years. The Miners came up with 35-year-old David Lee, a first-year head coach who gained a respected reputation the past five years as Arkansas' offensive coordinator.

Lee inherits 10 returning regulars, but only three on offense. Gone is the starting line, with the exception of standout guard Steve Casper, as well as the backfield, the quarterback Pat Hegarty, and place-kicker Chris Jacke, the second-ranked I-A kicker in 1988. In other words, Lee has to build a whole new offense. No wonder he says, "There is no way we can match up to 1988's record-setting offense yet." His quarterback figures to be Howard Gasser, a redshirt transfer from Saddleback

J.C. in California, while Reggie Barrett, last year's leading receiver, and trackman Clarence Seay bring experience.

Defensively, senior linebackers Ken Sale and Doug Morgan are the heart. Lee gets just one WAC contest—at Air Force for the third game—in the first five. Then the Miners play seven WAC opponents to close out the season, including road games at three of the expected toughest schools: Brigham Young, Hawaii, and Wyoming.



GREG
JOHNSON
Air Force

MONTANA

Ever since Don Read hired on as coach at Montana four seasons ago, the Grizzlies have been getting better and better, and finding a good seat in Washington-Grizzly Stadium has been getting harder and harder. Last year's attendance of more than 10,000 was up over 4,000 per game from 1985, the season before Read arrived.



JAY FAGAN
Montana

NEW MEXICO

One thing about Lobo football. No matter what happens in 1988 and beyond, things can't get much worse than they have been the last couple of years. Indeed, even last season's 2-10 record was a move in the right direction. The year before that, the Lobos went 0-11. If you're thinking that this doesn't paint a picture of the hottest game in Albuquerque, you're right. At the Lobos' spring game, a throng of maybe 300 watched an intrasquad battle that ended 7-6. Last year's average home attendance was 11,384 (in 30,646-seat University Stadium). And the trend or spacious seating is expected to continue.

The Lobos have problems. Their best rusher from last year, Andre Wooten (801 yards), won't be back because of academics. Another runner expected to see a lot of action, Willie Owens, will likely miss the entire season because of a knee injury. That leaves Myron Ashley as the leading returnee in the backfield. He rushed for 30 yards in 1988.

Still, head coach Mike Sheppard has been able to bring in a number of promising recruits with one of the best lines known to man: "You can step right in and play." And there is one main man returning in quarterback Jeremy Leach, who last year somehow completed 51 percent of his passes while running for his life. It was quite a freshman baptism for Leach, who was dropped for losses of more than 200 yards. If he gets more protection, he could lead the Lobos to more wins. And if he gets Terance Mathis back to throw to, he could really get the program cranking. Mathis was the nation's No. 5 receiver in 1987 before he ran into difficulties with the eligibility office. He could be available this season if he makes up enough classes at Technical Vocational Institute in Albuquerque.

Montana went 6-4 in 1986, 6-5 in 1987, and 8-4 last year, when the Grizzlies were 6-2 in the Big Sky and made an appearance, albeit a brief one, in the I-AA playoffs. Their first-round opponent was Big Sky champion Idaho, and to make matters worse, the game was in Moscow. There, the Vandals prevailed, 38-19, avenging a 26-17 loss in Missoula during the regular season. Nonetheless, it had been an extraordinarily good campaign for Read's Grizzlies, much better than expected.

With many of those players returning this season (18 squadmen were starters at one time in 1988), there's reason for continued optimism in Montana. Particularly since quarterback Grady Bennett is back to headline the show. In addition, the schedule appears favorable. Boise State and Reno, the only league teams to beat Montana in 1988, must travel to Missoula, and while Idaho must be played in Moscow again, there's at least a revenge factor there.

The Grizzlies have to replace two offensive linemen, but Kirk Scrafford, an All-America candidate who will move from guard to tackle, is back, as are Tim Polich and Jay Fagan, giving Montana the makings for the best line in the league. That's an important ingredient for Read's variable pro offense.

Defensively, end J.C. Campbell's void is the biggest to fill, but a wealth of starters are back, including linebackers Mike Rankin and Mike McGowan, cornerback Dwayne Hans, and strong safety Tim Hauck (who might switch to linebacker), the Big Sky's Defensive Player of the Year in 1988.

To avoid the winter conditions that can linger in the spring in Missoula, the Grizzlies didn't start their preseason practice until May, with a June 3 spring game. Also, the game was coordinated to take place at the start of

rockies

Read's coaches' clinic. And Montana liked the idea of being the last Big Sky school to go through spring practice, with an ending just nine weeks before fall drills.

BOISE STATE

Broncos' head coach Skip Hall is sitting on a college coach's dream. He has an experienced team: 18 starters return, 19 if you count the place-kicker. It is a team loaded with momentum, coming off an 8-4 1988 season that carried into the Division I-AA playoffs before a loss to Northwestern State. And he has a team loaded with eligibility. On the 96-man spring roster only seven were seniors; of this fall's projected starters, only one, center Pat McDade, is a senior. Somebody run a birth-certification check on this man's team.

Even Hall is young, but experienced. This will be his third year with the Broncos, and already he's had them in the thick of the Big Sky race and in the postseason playoffs. His coaching staff remains intact this season, too, with the notable exception of new quarterback coach Jim Zorn, the ex-Seattle Seahawk. Zorn took incumbent starter Duane Halliday under his wing in spring ball, turning him into what many observers termed as a visibly more inspired quarterback. Halliday withstood a challenge from heralded junior-college transfer Mike Virden to hang onto the No. 1 position going into the fall.

Boise's biggest nemesis last season was the offensive line, and plans of working overtime at that position in the spring went awry when a rash of injuries hit the unit. On top of that, McDade was busy placing fourth (at heavyweight) at the NCAA wrestling championships and sat out the spring.

Still, the thinking around Boise is if this team could go 8-4 with a bunch of freshmen and sophomores, how good can it be with a bunch of sophomores and juniors? Defensively, linebackers Scott Russell, who set a school-record for tackles (168) last year, and Kenny Kuehl and end Eric Helgeson have already been named to All-America lists. On the offense, Chris Thomas, back for his sophomore season after rushing for 818 yards as a freshman, gives Halliday someone to turn to.

The Broncs play a strong schedule that includes Stephen F. Austin, a Division I-AA playoff team last season, and that should get them primed for the Big Sky race. They could win it all if they manage to settle a score with Montana State. Last year the Bobcats beat Boise, 51-7.



JOHN
FRIESZ
Idaho

IDAHO

The school that has won two straight Big Sky championships, been perennially ranked among the top 10 I-AA schools, and flirted with a national championship last season until its quarterback hurt his ankle, had a funny thing happen on its way to more of the same in 1989. The head coach resigned. Keith Gilbertson said he'd had enough after 1988's 11-2 campaign that didn't end until the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs, when Furman came to Moscow to play the Vandals. The Vandals had to play without John Friesz, their do-every-



GREG WYATT
Northern Arizona

thing-but-scalp-tickets quarterback, who hurt his ankle the Saturday before.

Friesz is coming back. That wasn't Gilbertson's problem. He was reportedly tired with the extracurricular duties of being a head coach, having to deal with the media, with boosters, and with the police department—over stolen bicycles and drug problems. So he turned down another year at Idaho, not to mention a Division I-A head job at UTEP, and instead accepted an offer to become the offensive coordinator at the University of Washington, where he can coach and leave the diplomacy to Don James.

Gilbertson leaves Idaho's job to John L. Smith, the defensive coordinator at nearby Washington State last season and the first native-born Idahoan (Idaho Falls) ever to be head coach of the Vandals. Smith didn't play for the Vandals—he went south of the border and played at Weber State—but he knows a potato when he sees one.

He knows a gifted quarterback when he sees one, too. Friesz, also a native-born Idahoan (from Coeur d'Alene), is everything you want in a quarterback, and more. He's 6-4, 216 pounds, disciplined, elusive (just 17 sacks last season), and prolific, as in 2,874 yards in '88 and 18 touchdown passes. For two years running, while leading the Vandals to a 20-4 record in games he has started, he has been named the Big Sky's Offensive Player of the Year.

Friesz will have his top target back from last year, wide receiver Lee Allen, who caught 35 passes for eight touchdowns. He'll also have three-fifths of last year's very protective offensive line. On the defense, among the returnees will be strong safety Brian Smith, an all-Big Sky selection in '88 who was granted another year of eligibility because of illness earlier in his college career.

The Vandals open at Washington State and then play two more non-conference oppo-

nents—Portland State and Cal State-Sacramento—before embarking on an eight-game Big Sky run that will determine if they're to be charmed a third time.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

After sending three players to the NFL via the draft, and losing the bulk of last year's defense, the Lumberjacks can't get around the fact that there's some rebuilding to be done. Still, if quarterback Greg Wyatt's knee bounces back after a serious injury, this is a team that could be in store to settle a few scores, mostly with the law of averages.

Last season was the kind that sends coaches to hypnotists. After being pegged as one of the Big Sky's preseason favorites, the Lumberjacks beat Eastern Washington and then proceeded to lose their next four league games (two in double overtime) by a grand total of 24 points. They rebounded to win four of their last five games and finished 6-5 overall and 4-4 in the Sky, but it still wasn't necessarily a season to savor.

That went double for Wyatt, who had to miss two games because of his knee problems. Instead of being named first-team All-America—as was projected before the season began—he didn't even make first- or second-team all-Big Sky. He threw for a respectable 2,150 yards in nine games and ranked 15th in I-AA total offense as well as 12th in passing



MARK D'AGOSTINO
Montana State

efficiency. This year, if he's at full strength, he could challenge Idaho's Friesz for Big Sky and I-AA quarterback accolades.

Nine full- or part-time starters return to the offense, including six linemen, chief of whom is senior tackle Frank Pollack (6-4, 260). A new starting receiving corps has to be developed, however, and it won't be easy replacing tight end Shawn Collins or wide receiver Herb Duncan. They went in the first-round and 11th-round, respectively, of the NFL draft. Also, defensive back Darren Carrington was a fifth-round draftee.

The best of the defensive returnees, of which there are only three starters, is linebacker Darrell Jordan, who will switch from the outside to the inside.

Place-kicker Micky Penaflor is back after a stellar 1988 season, when he led the Big Sky in scoring with 90 points.

NEVADA-RENO

Other than replacing last year's top rusher, top all-purpose runner, top passer, and top kicker, Nevada-Reno doesn't have any particularly pressing problems coming into the season. The biggest void is the one left by running back Charvez Fogar, who graduated as the Big Sky's all-time leading rusher. Also gone are quarterback Jim Zaccero, a two-year starter; all-purpose runner Tony Logan, and place-kicker Luca Adriani, who still had eligibility remaining but decided to transfer it to a school that played soccer.

The good news is that coach Chris Ault saw all this coming, and stocked up a pile of redshirts and junior-college transfers for this season. At running back, for instance, the top three prospects are redshirts Jason Frierson and Ronnie White and transfer Ray Whalen. This means that telling Reno's 1989 fortunes is more difficult than usual. The constant in the formula is Ault, who has been turning out quality (and winning) teams for 13 seasons now.

For the first time in those 13 seasons, Ault will not be personally coaching the quarterbacks. That duty falls to Jeff Tisdel, a former Wolfpack All-America quarterback. In spring ball, Tisdel had his hands full, refereeing a spirited competition between redshirt freshman Jeff Barrett and junior-college transfer Steve Backster. Neither emerged as the sure starter this fall, and in August they'll be joined in their race for No. 1 by Fred Gatlin, a heralded recruit. Eleven starters return, so the Wolfpack won't be completely green. Two all-league defenders are back: cornerback Bernard Ellison and linebacker John Libby.

MONTANA STATE

As was illustrated on more than one occasion last season, playing Montana State can be a real adventure for Big Sky opponents. The Bobcats are the only true option team in the league. They are the Oklahoma of the Sky. More or less. Consequently, getting ready to play them presents, well, problems. Take last year, for instance. Despite the fact that the Bobcats were coming off a 1-10 season in 1987 and were picked to finish in the league basement, they upset four teams, climbing into a 4-4 conference record that was good for a third-place tie. Boise State lost, 51-7, to MSU, befuddled by the mysterious option. Reno lost, 17-14. League champion Idaho, ranked No. 1 in I-AA, had trouble before prevailing, 41-24. All the while the Bobcats were easily ruling the league on the ground. Their 219.8 yards per game rushing ranked 11th in the nation and they were 40 yards per game ahead of Reno, the second-best rushing team in the Big Sky.

More of the same is to come in 1989, and that makes Montana State the mystery team once again. On any given Saturday, chalk up coach Earle Solomonson's Bobcats as the team most likely to upset your season. Still, there doesn't appear to be enough experience, or talent, to rank MSU among the championship contenders. This was also the team that lost, 69-0, to I-A Florida to start last season, followed that up with a 41-7 loss to Mesa State, and was bombed, 59-35, by Weber State to close out the year.

John Tetrault returns at quarterback, flanked by every starting offensive lineman from a year ago—no small asset for an option team. Fullback Bob Wilkinson and tailback Mark Rinehart are returning rushers who combined for more than 100 yards a game. The defensive line will be brand-new, but every starting linebacker from '88 is back, and that is good news. Seniors Mark D'Agostino and Mychal Kempt are 6-2, 229 and 6-3, 228, respectively, while juniors Jon Skelton and Rob Hatch are 6-2, 229 and 6-1, 214. Together, they create an intimidating middle.

The Bobcats open at Kansas and follow that with a road game at Sam Houston State.

WEBER STATE

Of all the Big Sky Conference teams, Weber State was hit hardest by personnel losses. Just four offensive starters return and six on defense. And after eight years in Ogden, coach Mike Price took an offer from his alma mater, Washington State, and bequeathed the Weber State job to his long-time assistant head coach and offensive coordinator, Dave Arslanian. Arslanian's father, Sark, who is now coaching professional football in Italy, was Weber's head coach when Dave was growing up, and he included Dave on his teams as a defensive back in the early 1970s. Sark's eight-year record of 50-26-2 remains the school's best, followed by Price's eight-year totals of 46-44. Dave Arslanian, then, is no stranger to football at Weber State, or to winning football. But he could have a rough start, what with all the men overboard, particularly since every other Big Sky school, with the exception of Northern Arizona, returns more than half its 1988 starters.

Weber's high-powered attack, which was fourth in the nation in total offense (433.6 ypg) and fifth in passing (275.9 ypg), shouldn't alter much, since Arslanian was Price's offensive coordinator. But the players to direct it will be mostly new. On the offense, the only starters back are All-America center candidate Keith Chambers, tackle Oscar Contreras, guard Kelvin Dexter, and kicker Greg Patterson. That, at least, will be good news for the starting quarterback, whoever he is. Competition in the spring didn't produce a No. 1. The battle in August will be among Rich Ericson, sophomore Bill Reiser, JC transfer Ryan Schmidt, and freshman Jamie Martin.

Senior linebacker C.D. Beck, last year's tackling leader, paces the defense, along with cornerback Jody Marshall and safety Maurice Jackson. Weber will have a new defensive coordinator this season. Arslanian persuaded Bill Smith, who was Montana's defensive coordinator, to join the Wildcat staff. Montana's defense led the Big Sky the past two seasons, and Smith has been given the green light by Arslanian to revamp a Weber unit that ranked seventh in the Big Sky, surrendering 410.8 yards and 31 points per game.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Things are looking brighter for Eastern Washington, although, all by itself, that doesn't mean much. An improvement from a 2-8-1 season that included a 2-6 record in the Big Sky could still be far from successful. But with a blend of more experienced returnees and some promising transfers, coach Dick Zornes's Eagles could reverse their two-year losing trend and become a viable franchise.

The team is still relatively young, with just 15 seniors on the entire roster. But there are 15 starters returning, led by a crack receiving corps that could compete with the best in the league. Included are split end Jamie Buenzli, a 1987 all-Big Sky selection, Washington State transfer Tom Owens, and tight end Tony Lenseigne, a 6-4, 223-pound sophomore whom the pros are already looking at. The biggest replacements must come at running back, with school record-holder Jamie Townsend gone and all-purpose running leader Vernon Williams having to drop football because of a neck injury. Ken Thompson is most likely to succeed at running back.

A quartet of transfers from Division I-A programs should bolster the Eagles' talent reservoir. Chief among them is 6-6 quarterback Ed Powers from the University of Houston, who is expected to start, relegating last year's starter, Scott Stuart, to either a redshirt season or backup duty—probably the former. The other transfers include linebacker Darren Bennett from Stanford, defensive tackle Eric Black from Washington, and offensive guard Craig Savage, also from Washington. Bennett and Black sat out the mandatory year last season. Powers did not because Houston is going on probation and he was free to play elsewhere. Another thing common among these transfers is that they're all from the area around Eastern Washington. Bennett and Savage are from Spokane, Black from Moses Lake, and Powers from Kennewick. That could help home attendance, which last year fell below 4,000.

IDAHO STATE

After an 0-11 record in 1988, the hardest thing to figure about Idaho State's '89 season is why anyone would want to forgo a game against the Bengals. But that's exactly what Tulsa did, canceling an October date to play ISU because of a scheduling conflict. More confusing is why other teams didn't jump at the chance to get on the Bengals' card. Try as he might, coach Garth Hall couldn't come up with a replacement, so the worst ISU can do this year is 0-10.

The prospects of another undefeated (they didn't defeat anybody last year) season aren't as likely, however. For one thing, the non-conference opponents are more reasonable—replacing Utah and Oregon of last season are Northern Colorado and Southern Utah State. For another thing, the Bengals now have enough players, in Hall's second year, to at least go through a spring scrimmage, a notion that had to be scrapped a year ago.

Hall revamped his coaching staff slightly, bringing in Land Jacobsen from New Mexico State to be his defensive coordinator. One of Jacobsen's first moves was to change ISU's defensive scheme from a 5-2 to a 4-3.

Several transfers, many from the successful program at nearby Ricks Junior College, are expected to contribute immediately. Among the new players are running back Pono Hussey, linebacker Mark Campbell, and wide receiver Chris Schrade. The quarterback situation will be up in the air until incumbent two-year starter Jason Whitmer, who had a good spring, goes through job competition in the fall with junior-college transfer Duffy Daugherty, who led the nation in passing last year with 3,006 yards at Palomar College. Inside linebacker Tony Manu, who had 115 tackles last season, is the defensive leader.

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All dressed up and no place to go. That's the moto which has been shared by several Southwest Conference title contenders in recent years. This time, it will be Houston's turn to endure a ban on bowl appearances as a result of NCAA sanctions for recruiting violations. Similar misfortunes have befallen Texas A&M, Texas Christian, and Southern Methodist in a turbulent decade in SWC history.

Sadly, the 1980s will be remembered as a bittersweet era for a conference which had more than its share of shining moments and an unusual amount of controversy and scandal. For every mention of SMU's Pony Express of Eric Dickerson and Craig James, of Texas's great defenses of the early '80s, and of Texas A&M's three successive Cotton Bowl appearances under Jackie Sherrill, there will be talk of how the league's image was tarnished by repeated NCAA investigations of member schools. Time and again, headlines accurately related more of the Southwest Conference's problems than its virtues.

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1. Houston, 2. Arkansas, 3. Texas A&M, 4. Texas, 5. Baylor, 6. Texas Tech, 7. Texas Christian, 8. Rice, 9. SMU

southland conference

1. Northwestern State, 2. Northeast Louisiana, 3. North Texas, 4. Sam Houston State, 5. McNeese State, 6. Southwest Texas State, 7. Stephen F. Austin

southwestern athletic conference

1. Jackson State, 2. Grambling, 3. Alcorn State, 4. Alabama State, 5. Southern University, 6. Prairie View, 7. Mississippi Valley, 8. Texas Southern

independents

1. Arkansas State, 2. Louisiana Tech, 3. Lamar

lone star conference

1. Texas A&I, 2. Angelo State, 3. East Texas State, 4. Cameron State, 5. Central State, 6. Eastern New Mexico, 7. Abilene Christian, 8. West Texas State

Fittingly, the final SWC race of the decade is projected to be as jumbled as the events of the previous nine years. As many as six teams could contend for a trip to Dallas on New Year's Day, with perennial doormat Rice, probation-weakened SMU, and probation-saddled Houston as the only exceptions. On paper, Arkansas and Texas A&M appear to have the best chance for bowl bids among teams with legitimate Cotton Bowl aspirations.

Had the NCAA not levied a two-year bowl ban against Houston, the Cougars may have found themselves making their second successive bowl trip under coach Jack Pardee. Few offenses have caused SWC opponents as many headaches as Pardee's run-and-shoot, which has rewritten the conference record books in passing and receiving categories. Ineligible as the Cougars are for a

bowl this season, they'll play a major role in determining the outcome of the SWC race.

A&M can identify with Houston's situation. Stung by NCAA probation which banned them from a bowl appearance a year ago, the Aggies hope to return to prominence this fall under new coach R.C. Slocum by winning their fourth conference championship in five years. Finding a quarterback to hand the ball to Heisman Trophy candidate Darren Lewis and to put the ball in the hands of a group of talented receivers is A&M's biggest task.

Arkansas snapped its lengthy Cotton Bowl absence last winter by remaining undefeated in SWC play. As a result, beleaguered coach Ken Hatfield was able to sidestep frequent criticism over an offense many believed too conservative and one-dimensional. Another championship banner could wave in the Ozarks if the Razorbacks can patch a few holes in a traditionally solid defense.

A rare rebuilding project is underway at Texas, where the signs of back-to-back recruiting success may surface. Compounding the Longhorns' usual uncertainty at quarterback is an unsettled defense that must recover from a disappointing season. Two of the brightest stars in college football's galaxy can be found at Baylor, where linebacker James Francis and defensive back Robert Blackmon are projected first-round NFL draft choices in 1990. The Bears could develop into title contenders if a strong supporting cast develops.

Texas Tech and TCU are considered long shots, at best, but certainly no more of an underdog than Houston was a year ago. The Red Raiders are battling to overcome a familiar lack of depth at several positions, while the Horned Frogs are busily implementing a new pass-oriented offense that could result in a big hop in the SWC standings.

The highlight of Rice's season could come in its opener. The Owls will be trying to end the nation's longest current Division I-A losing streak at 18 games against an SMU team which is fielding a football program for the first time in two years. The aftermath of the NCAA's death penalty has left SMU with only three players with college football experience and made survival the most important word in the Mustangs' vocabulary.

Another mad scramble could develop for the Southland Conference title and a berth in the Division I-AA playoffs. Defending SLC champion Northwestern State should have enough quality talent remaining from last year's surprising march to challenge for another postseason trip. If the Demons fail to repeat, North Texas and Northeast Louisiana may inherit the SLC top spot.

Jackson State lost 12 front-line players off the school's first-ever team to go unbeaten during the regular season, but it's hard not to

pick the Tigers for the top spot again. After all, they have figured in seven SWAC titles during the 1980s. A pair of All-Americans, guard Tim Brown and linebacker Daron Conner, will lead the charge.

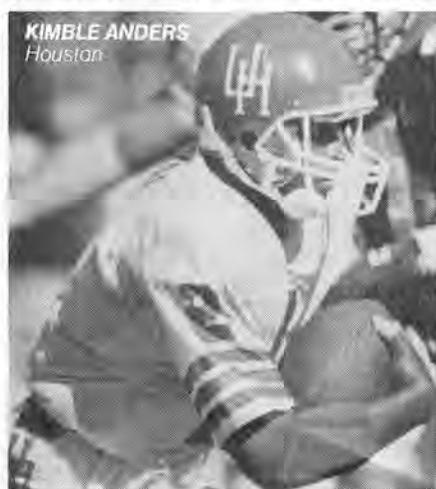
If Jackson slips, Grambling appears ready to grab the top rung. Quarterback Clemente Gordon and wingback Fred Jones will spark an offense that led the SWAC in 1988. Alcorn will show new faces in the secondary after having three defensive backs selected high in this year's NFL draft, but flanker Torrance Small is an old hand at catching passes. Alabama State has made a sharp about-face in Houston Markham's two seasons at the helm. Two sophomores, quarterback Ricky Jones and guard Patrick Johnson, figure prominently in this season's offense.

Southern underwent a coaching change with Gerald Kimble replacing Marino Casem. The Jaguars boast one of the league's top defensive backs in Harvey Wilson. Prairie View (5-5) posted the school's first non-losing season since 1976, but an off-season players' strike brought on by a fuss over tuition and book fees leaves a cloud over the Panthers' camp. Mississippi Valley could attain respectable status if tailback Ronald Humphrey repeats his Freshman of the Year performance. Texas Southern has nowhere to go but up after an all-losing season. Linebacker Kevin Harris is an All-America candidate.

Texas A&I is an overwhelming favorite to repeat as the Lone Star Conference champion: the choice of 43 of the 44 voters who participated in a preseason poll. The pollsters also handed out an A-plus rating to A&I tailback Johnny Bailey, a unanimous choice for Offensive Player of the Year honors. Bailey's teammate, defensive end John Randle, was the choice as the Defensive Player of the Year.

Angelo State is picked to finish second after chasing A&I to the wire last season. The Rams will make their title bid with three all-star candidates: quarterback Mickey Russell, defensive tackle Welman Bauer, and linebacker Pede Hunt. East Texas State, which tied ASU for second place in 1988, is hoping to advance one place with a cast that includes defensive end Kit Morton, wide receiver Gary Compton, and running back Jarrod Owens. Cameron builds its case with all-LSC offensive

KIMBLE ANDERS
Houston



tackle Charles Stover and a strong defense. Central State finished strong last season, and the Bronchos are looking to start fast with tailback Pinkey Hurley. Eastern New Mexico claims the league's top place-kicker in Bob Gilbreath, but the Greyhounds may find touchdowns scarce. Stan Stephens has impressive passing credentials for Abilene Christian. West Texas State (2-8) must shore up a defense to improve.

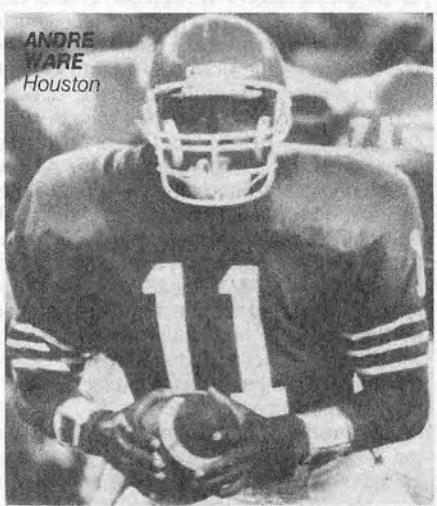
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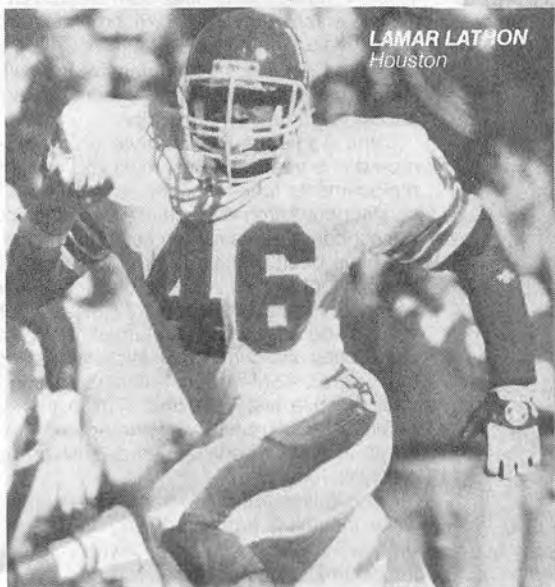
Projected to finish near the bottom of the SWC standings a year ago, the Cougars surprisingly blossomed into a top 20 team as a result of their potent run-and-shoot offense. In two seasons under coach Jack Pardee, Houston has established more than 100 school, conference, and NCAA records. Statisticians were particularly busy last season, when the Cougars went 9-3, averaged more than 41 points per game, and reached the Aloha Bowl.

A three-year probation handed down by the NCAA as the result of numerous recruiting violations will prevent the Cougars from playing in bowl games for the next two years. While

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Houston



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Houston



1989 all-southwest team

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Quarterback . . Andre Ware . . JR . . Houston
Running back . . Darren Lewis . . JR . . Texas A&M
Running back . . Chuck Weatherspoon . . JR . . Houston
Wide receiver . . Tony Jones . . SR . . Texas
Wide receiver . . Verlond Brown . . JR . . Houston
Tight end . . Billy Winston . . SR . . Arkansas
Line . . Jim Mabry . . JR . . Arkansas
Line . . Joey Banes . . SR . . Houston
Line . . Charles Odiorne . . SR . . Texas Tech
Line . . Mike Sullivan . . JR . . Texas Christian
Place-kicker . . Roman Anderson . . SO . . Houston

defense

Line . . Byron Forsythe . . SR . . Houston
Line . . Fred Washington . . SR . . Texas Christian
Line . . Ken Hackenack . . SR . . Texas
Line . . Charles Perry . . SR . . Texas Tech
Linebacker . . James Francis . . SR . . Baylor
Linebacker . . Aaron Wallace . . SR . . Texas A&M
Linebacker . . Lamar Latron . . SR . . Houston
Back . . Robert Blackmon . . SR . . Baylor
Back . . Patrick Williams . . SR . . Arkansas
Back . . Alton Montgomery . . SR . . Arkansas
Back . . Donald Harris . . JR . . Texas Tech
Punter . . Sean Wilson . . SO . . Texas A&M

the Cougars await parole, they will attempt to set additional records on offense and fine-tune an overlooked defensive unit that ranked as the SWC's stingiest against the pass.

A lack of depth and experience at several positions may hinder the Cougars' overall progress. Replacements must be found for Jason Phillips and James Dixon, who exhausted their eligibility last season after finishing as the nation's most prolific college receivers. Junior-college transfers Verlond Brown, Emmanuel Santos, and Henry LeBlanc and holdovers Kevin Mason, Brian Williams, and Patrick Cooper are among the pass targets for junior quarterback Andre Ware. In 1988, Ware set SWC records for most touchdown passes in one season (25) and most yards passing in one game (471). The running game should be solid with the return of Chuck Weatherspoon and Kimble Anders.

Senior tackle Joey Banes and center Byron Forsythe are mainstays in a line that specializes in pass blocking. The defensive front also should be a plus with the return of tackle Alfred Oglesby and ends Craig Veasey and Darren Warren and the switch of Robert McDade from middle linebacker to tackle. Lamar Lathon, who made 103 tackles a year ago, is the center of a linebacking corps that includes Reggie Burnette and Tyrone Jones.

The secondary is the primary area of concern on defense, which has few backups for starting candidates Alton Montgomery, Chris

Ellison, Mecridric Calloway, and Cornelius Price. Improving on last year's average yield of five yards per completion will be a monumental challenge for a defense that may shift personnel often during the season in search of an effective combination.

Whether the Cougars can come close to duplicating their level of success of a year ago will depend largely on a kicking game which earned glossy reviews last season. Roman Anderson made all 51 of his extra-point attempts and 19 of 25 field-goal tries as a freshman. Senior punter Simon Rodriguez also returns to improve on a 41-yard average which would have been higher had he not kicked the ball out of bounds or dead 26 times inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

ARKANSAS

After enduring more than a decade of frustration, the Razorbacks ended their SWC championship drought last season by going undefeated in conference play and reaching the Cotton Bowl. In hope of continuing his team's resurgence, coach Ken Hatfield has juked his often criticized flexbone offense for a modified version of the I-formation that should add a much-needed spark. Defensively, there will be more changes in personnel than philosophy since only three starters return.

Ken Benson and Mike Cover are among several newcomers who will be tested as prospective starters at linebacker, a position where Arkansas is bereft of veteran help after suffering heavy losses to graduation. To complicate matters on defense, the Razorbacks lost safety Steve Atwater and end Wayne Martin in the first round of the NFL draft, prompting a major rebuilding project in an area in which Arkansas has dominated opponents in recent seasons. Patrick Williams is the only holdover in the secondary.

The defensive front is also in need of renovation, with Michael Shepherd, Tony Ollison, Bob Wynn, and McKenzie Phillips expected to bear the brunt of the load. The Razorbacks filled an important role on the sideline when Wally Ake was named defensive coordinator, replacing Fred Goldsmith, who left to become head coach at Rice.

The situation is more promising on offense, where all-SWC quarterback Quinn Grovey returns to guide an attack which will attempt to make better use of such talented receivers as

Tim Horton and senior tight end Billy Winston. Gary Adams, Sedric Fillmore, and Jimmie Glover should contend for the backup quarterback role this fall. Barry Foster, who led the Razorbacks in rushing a year ago, has been switched from fullback to tailback. Other tailback candidates include Aaron Jackson, E.D. Jackson, and James Rouse, who because of a harrowing succession of injuries has yet to reach the lofty level of success predicted for him. JuJu Harshaw and Carlos Gatson are expected to share time at fullback.

Decorated tackle Jim Mabry, guard Todd Gifford, and senior Rick Apolski should comprise the nucleus of the Razorbacks' offensive front. Replacing dependable place-kicker Kendall Trainor is among the top priorities.

TEXAS A&M

The winds of change blew across the College Station landscape at the end of last season, sweeping away embattled coach Jackie Sherrill and six assistants on his staff. R.C. Slocum, the defensive coordinator since 1982, was assigned the task of replacing Sherrill and guiding the Aggies back to the Cotton Bowl after A&M failed to win the conference title for the first time in four years.

Although A&M's coaching staff has been overhauled, the foundation of another potential SWC championship team can be found in the presence of a skilled group of receivers, a talented secondary, and a running back who could become the university's first Heisman Trophy winner since current athletic director John David Crow received the award in 1957. Darren Lewis rushed for a school-record 1,692 yards last season, second only to Heisman winner Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State.

Heralded fullback Robert Wilson is expected to join Lewis and tailback Randy Simmons to provide the Aggies with a blue-ribbon running game, but A&M's quarterback situation remains unsettled. Lance Pavlas, burdened by the weight of numerous press clippings, will be given the chance to redeem himself at quarterback as he enters his junior season. Having such speedy receivers available as Percy Waddle, Shane Garrett, and Gary Oliver may help Pavlas achieve his elusive stardom.

Another plus for Lewis's Heisman aspirations should be the running room created by a big line which returns guard Richmond Webb, center Mike Arthur, tackle Matt McCall, and tight end Brian Ross. The defensive front also should be formidable with the work of veterans John Martin and Terry Price.

If the Aggies are to improve on their 7-5 record of a year ago, they must find capable replacements to join second-team All-America standout Aaron Wallace in a depleted linebacker corps. William Thomas and John Cooper have been switched from the secondary in hopes of correcting that deficiency. The secondary remains the primary cause for optimism on defense with the return of free safety Gary Jones and cornerback Mickey Washington. Overall, A&M ranked 14th in the nation in total defense last year and 17th in rushing defense. Most impressively, the Aggies yielded an average of only 2.8 yards rushing per carry last fall.

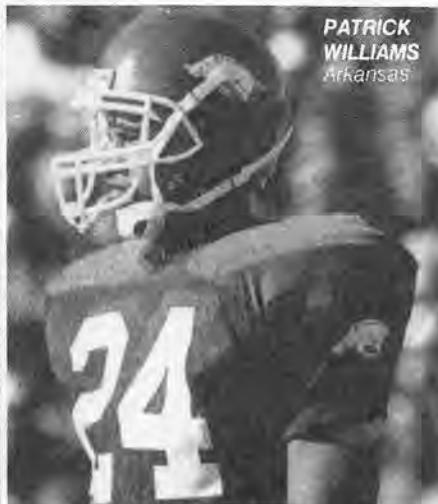
Sean Wilson returns to handle the punting, while incoming freshman Terry Venetoulas likely will contend with junior Layne Talbot for the place-kicking chores.

QUINN GROVEY
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MICHAEL SHEPHERD
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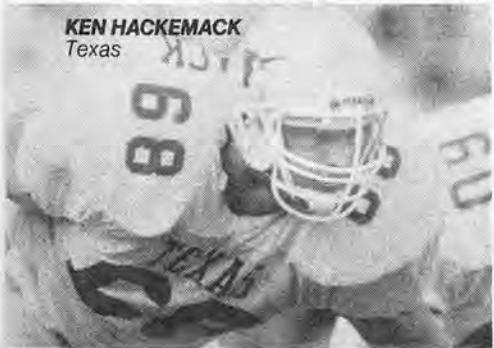
DUANE DUNCUM
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TONY JONES
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TEXAS

The eyes of Texas resembled real shinners last season as the Longhorns stumbled to a 4-7 record under coach David McWilliams, who had to endure the university's first losing football season since 1956. Another uncharacteristic team trait surfaced on defense, where opponents plundered the Longhorns for more than 300 points for the first time in UT history.

An inexperienced secondary and linebacking corps and a lack of depth in the line are major factors which could prevent Texas from launching a serious challenge for the SWC title. As many as six incoming freshmen could start on defense, an alarming thought for a coaching staff which spent much of its time shuffling personnel during spring drills. Among other changes, safeties Stanley Richard and Paul Behrman were shifted to cornerback and Willie Mack Garza was moved from corner to free safety. Added help could come from incoming freshman Grady Cavness and Proposition 48 casualty Graylin Jonson.

Such linebackers as Duane Duncum, red-shirt Anthony Curl, and UCLA transfer Brian Jones are expected to make up the nucleus of an aggressive 4-3 defensive alignment which the Longhorns believe should return its caliber of play to its traditional lofty level. Jones already has been assigned No. 60, the same number worn by former UT stars Tommy Nobis and Britt Hager. Ken Hackemack is the brightest name on a long list of line candidates that includes Clay Howell, James Patton, and Oscar Giles.

Offensively, the Longhorns will place additional emphasis on a wide-open passing attack. Donovan Forbes has surfaced as the heir apparent to the starting quarterback job, despite the fact he has completed only 10 passes and rushed for only three yards in three seasons with the Longhorns. If Forbes falters, 6-foot-7 Jason Burleson could make a big leap on the team's depth chart.

Francis re-emphasized his commitment to football last spring by forgoing an opportunity to play another season of basketball for Baylor so he could add bulk to his 6-4, 245-pound frame. The presence of Francis, Gary Joe Kinne, and Daniel Morgan should make the linebacking corps the least of coach Grant Teaff's concerns. Blackmon, who needed to pass eight hours of summer school to maintain his eligibility, is expected to join Mike Welch and Malcolm Frank as the nucleus of a potentially outstanding secondary.

Severe losses to graduation have prompted the Bears to overhaul a defensive line which must rely heavily on tackles Greg Oefinger, Reggie Howard, and Santana Dotson and end Robin Jones. Added help should be provided by tackle Marcus Lowe, a transfer from Oklahoma. Although the Bears will remain in a 4-3 alignment, Teaff plans to stress a more aggressive attitude on defense this fall in an attempt to create more turnovers.

By comparison, Baylor's offense must find a way to cut down on the 32 turnovers which prevented the Bears from improving on their 6-5 record last year. Junior quarterback Brad Goebel, beginning his third year as a starter, should set school records for career passing yardage and completions this fall. A career-ending knee injury sidelined flanker Bobby Jack Goforth, but David Frost, Greg Anderson, and Melvin Bonner are capable.

Establishing a consistent running game to complement their pass attack remains the Bears' top priority. Eldwin Raphel returns after leading the Bears with 583 yards rushing last season, but newcomers Robert Strait and Lincoln Coleman may make the biggest impact. Strait was regarded as Texas's top running-

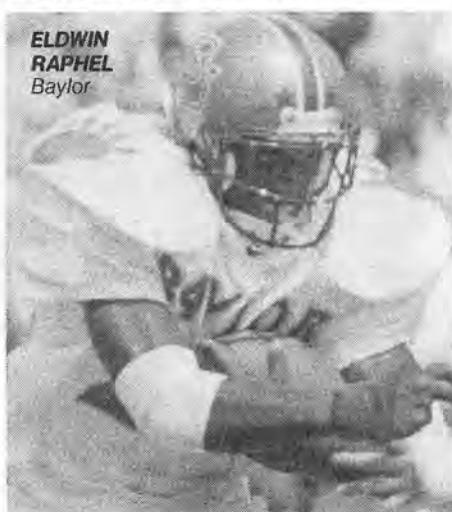
Having to replace first-round NFL draft pick Eric Metcalf is another burden for the Longhorns. Adrian Walker and Chris Samuels have emerged as the leading candidates at tailback. Incoming freshmen Darrick Duke and Mike Davis are expected to join speedster Tony Jones and tight ends Stephen Clark and Alan Webb as pass targets. An interesting spring experiment involved the move of tight end Marc Semmelmann to fullback.

Senior tackle Ed Cunningham should be ready to rebound after missing last season because of knee injuries. If healthy, Cunningham could play a major role in a restructured line which also includes center Todd Smith and Paul Moriarty. The kicking game should be a plus with the return of Wayne Clements and all-SWC punter Bobby Lilljedahl.

Baylor

Quantity may take a back seat to quality this season for the Bears, who find themselves with two of the nation's most heralded pro football prospects at a time when they lack overall depth at many positions. Despite that potential shortcoming, Baylor's defense could blossom into an exceptional unit with the presence of outside linebacker James Francis and strong safety Robert Blackmon.

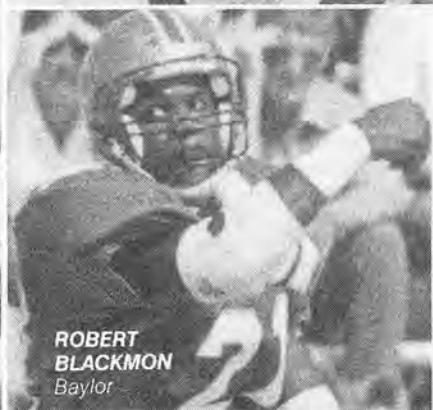
ELDWIN RAPHEL
Baylor



BRAD GOEBEL
Baylor



ROBERT BLACKMON
Baylor



back prospect last winter. Coleman (6-2, 220), a transfer from Notre Dame, may give the Bears the power back they sorely need.

A lack of depth looms as a potential problem in the offensive line, where Mark Bass, John Turnbaugh, and Monte Jones are the only holdovers with considerable experience. Bass has been moved from tackle to center, while Alonzo Pierce and Steve Stutsman are expected to contend for tight end. Pete Rutter once again will handle the punting for the Bears, who are looking for consistency from place-kickers Jeff Ireland and Mark Mahler.

TEXAS TECH

A familiar alarm sounded during spring drills as coach Spike Dykes tried without success to answer the same questions which have plagued the Red Raiders' defense the last few seasons. Although the offense remains adequate, Tech's defense must make quick strides if the Raiders are to improve on last year's 5-6 record and become a legitimate Cotton Bowl contender.

Defensive end Tom Mathiasmeier, tackle Charles Perry, and middle linebacker Mike Derryberry are the holdovers from a front seven that yielded an average of 438 yards per game last season. Added help in the line should come from junior-college transfer Jon Wood and pass-rushing specialist Greg Burden. The Raiders have only six experienced



JAMES GRAY
Texas Tech

players in the secondary, including free safety Donald Harris and cornerback Sammy Walker. Big things are expected from Matt Wingo and Charles Rowe, who should provide quality help at linebacker.

On offense, senior James Gray needs only 238 yards to set an all-time school rushing record. Clifton Winston, Anthony Lynn, and Anthony McDowell add quality depth at running back, a critical factor since the Raiders are expected to de-emphasize their passing game now that Billy Joe Tolliver has been selected in the NFL draft. Jamie Gill emerged as the Raiders' quarterback after spring drills and likely will use Travis Price and Rodney Blackshear as his primary pass targets. If Gill falters, Jason Rattan or Larry Lorenz will take control of the Raiders' I-formation.

Size and strength are hallmarks of an offensive line that averages 282 pounds from tackle to tackle and includes such veterans as

Charles Odiorne, Nathan Richburg, Len Wright, Tommy Webb, Jessie Hurst, and Charlie Biggurs. The Raiders' special teams won't be the same without mighty mite Tyrone Thurman, a 5-foot-3 waterbug who dazzled the SWC for years with his punt and kickoff returns. A lack of depth shouldn't be a concern at tight end, where Kevin Sprinkles, Charles Lott, and Bart Talkington may share starting assignments.

Lin Elliott is the likely candidate to inherit the place-kicking duties. Jamie Simmons returns for his fourth season as the Raiders' punter after averaging 42.2 yards last year.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Frustrated by four successive losing seasons, including a 4-7 mark last year, coach Jim Wacker has decided to shelve the veer offense in favor of a wide-open attack the Horned Frogs call the Triple Shoot. Finding a new quarterback who can pull the trigger and deciding which newcomers will be used as pass targets are two of the top priorities TCU must address.

Fifth-year senior Ron Jiles, who has thrown only 16 passes during his college career, likely will share time at quarterback with redshirt freshman Leon Clay. Aside from senior split end Todd Holmes, the Frogs' receiving corps will consist of such unproven players as freshmen Mike Noack and Michael Jackson and sophomore Toby Morey. The line should be a plus with the return of seasoned tackles Jeff Hopkins and Bill Elliott and veteran guards Mike Sullivan and Rob Adams. Such experience could pave the way for another big season by running back Tony Darhard, who rushed for a team-high 854 yards last season. A lack of quality depth at several positions on offense places a premium on the Frogs' ability to avoid injuries.

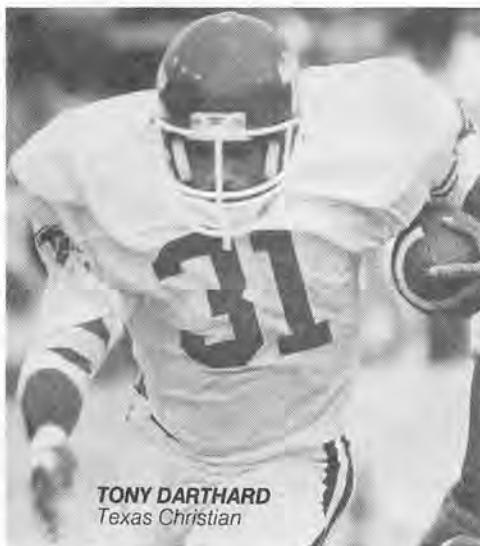
The roll call of experienced personnel in TCU's secondary begins and ends with strong safety Levoil Crump, a junior who will be surrounded by new faces in an area in which the Frogs must excel in order to contend for a bowl bid. Robert McWright, Henry Anders, and junior-college transfer Larry Brown are among several candidates at cornerback, while Stephen Conley and Toby Richardson should compete for free safety. The situation is a bit brighter at linebacker with the return of Greg Moore and Richard Booker, both of whom were cast in starting roles a year



FRED
WASHINGTON
Texas Christian

ago. Fred Washington, a 274-pound tackle, and end Darrell Davis should be the catalysts of a line which has lacked consistency. Sophomore linemen Rob Phenix, John Marsh, and Roosevelt Collins could play major roles for a defense which must improve over its previous average yield of 26 points per game.

Incoming freshman Kevin Cordeisan may handle the place-kicking and punting duties after a glittering high school career that included two 52-yard field goals.



TONY DARHARD
Texas Christian

RICE

Another game of musical chairs has unfolded for the Owls, who enter the season with a new coaching staff headed by Fred Goldsmith and with an 18-game losing streak which ranks as the longest in Division I football. Last year's 0-11 shock treatment was the direct result of a shabby defense which yielded an average of 32.5 points per game, an area which Goldsmith will try to improve by emphasizing speed and quickness over brute strength.

How much improvement the defense makes will depend largely on whether O.J. Brigance and redshirt freshman Bryan Symonette retain the rate of progress at linebacker that earned them smashing reviews during spring drills. Alonzo Williams and Keith Jackson, a pair of newcomers, also figure in the Owls' plans at linebacker. Junior-college transfer Larry Stuppy is expected to fill a starting role at tackle and join nose guard Paul Brotze in a line which was depleted by graduation and injuries. Former running backs Steve Clements and Otis Latin have been converted to linemen in an attempt to bolster a sagging part of the Owls' defense.

Potential problems loom in the secondary, where holdovers David Griffin and Everett Coleman have been penciled in as starters. Added help should come from freshman Antonio Wilson, junior-college transfer Robert Summerlin, Greg King, and Nigel Codrington. Continued shuffling is expected during fall drills by Goldsmith, who previously served as defensive coordinator at Arkansas and took the job at Rice after Jerry Berndt resigned to become head coach at Temple.

In addition to a change in personnel in a unit that returns only four starters, the Owls have revamped their philosophy by installing a pro-style offense similar to the scheme which UCLA employed so effectively last season.

Converted from free safety to quarterback a year ago, Donald Hollas could develop into one of the SWC's biggest surprises this fall. His supporting cast includes sophomore running back Eric Henley, an Eric Metcalf-type who played very well a year ago. Chris Nixon, Courtney Cravin, and tight end Vodie Baumham are other projected pass targets.

Rapid progress is needed in an offensive line that has undergone a considerable facelift. Knee injuries sidelined Jason Lucas and



O.J. BRIGANCE
Rice

experienced player, having served as a member of the Mustangs' special teams in 1986 and as a kick returner at Georgia in 1987. He is expected to be a viable threat as a receiver out of the backfield. Gieber caught two passes for SMU in 1986, making him the most prolific pass catcher in the Mustangs' stable. Another likely target could be Brent Harraman, a freshman who was one of the Mustangs' brightest stars in spring drills.

SMU's most promising player may be Jason Wolf, a running back who selected the Mustangs over Michigan, Michigan State, and UCLA last year. Wolf excelled in spring practice and may take handoffs from Mike Romo, who has surged to the top of the Mustangs' list of quarterback candidates. Romo stood outside the SMU coaches' office waiting for someone to arrive so he could be the first player signed in the post-death penalty era. Casey Clyce and Greg Ziegler should provide adequate backup for the Mustangs.

Elsewhere, SMU's lack of depth is alarming. The Mustangs' entire roster is composed of players who have combined to make three tackles in college.

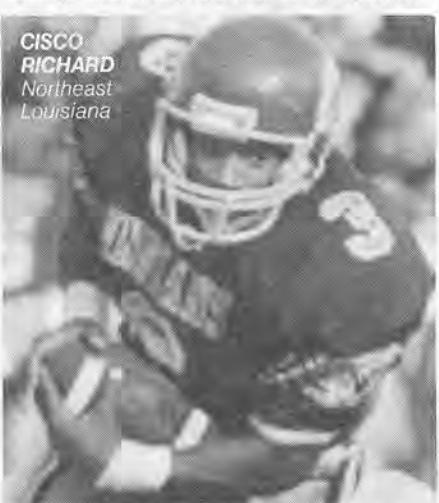
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NORTHWESTERN STATE

Coming off their most successful season in almost a half-century, the Demons appear to have the talent and depth necessary to repeat as SLC champions in only their second year in the conference. They left a lasting first impression in 1988 by winning all six SLC games, posting a 10-3 record, and finishing with a No. 8 national ranking under Sam Goodwin.

Senior quarterback Scott Stoker, who passed for 2,404 yards and 13 touchdowns last season, spearheads an offensive unit bolstered by the return of such speedsters as tailback Ken DeWitt and wide receiver Al Edwards. The line has been restructured with the move of John King from guard to center and the addition of newcomers Bill Britt, Mike Owens, and Sean Freeman.

A blue-ribbon secondary should be the solidifying force on a defensive unit which returns seven starters, including strong safety Dennis Smith, free safety Steve Compton, and cornerbacks Randy Hilliard and David Chitman. The line remains a strength with the presence of veterans Mitch Rowe, Brian Guidry, and Chuck Orzechoskie. Inexperience



DONALD HOLLAS
Rice

Kenneth Pinkston during spring drills, but both are expected to return as starting candidates with Joey Roseborough and redshirt freshman tackle Mike Appelbaum.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

After having their football program sidelined for two years as a result of the NCAA's death penalty, the Mustangs hope to show some new kick in the form of 41 scholarship players this fall under head coach Forrest Gregg. The trainer's room could be crowded, since Gregg expects as many as 25 freshmen to make an immediate impact. SMU's first opportunity to leave a new impression will come September 2, when the Mustangs return to SWC football with a game against Rice.

Wide receiver Mitch Gieber, running back Michael Bowen, and defensive back Norbert Osborn are the only three lettermen listed on the Mustangs' roster. Bowen is SMU's most

could pose a problem at linebacker, where Tracy Palmer, Andre Carron, and Randolph Hayes are projected as starters.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

After winning the Division I-AA national championship in '87, the Indians plummeted to a 5-6 record last season as the result of an inconsistent offense. New coach Dave Roberts has emphasized the need for more speed from the wide receivers, who had only 35 of the team's 189 receptions last season.

Junior quarterback Doug Pederson passed for 1,549 yards and seven touchdowns in only seven games last year. His favorite receiver was tight end Jackie Harris, whose 16 receptions against Lamar set an SLC record. Henry Richard and Jeff Steele are two candidates at running back, while guard Reggie Lawson and tackle Billy Jung are the only holdovers in a line that must improve its pass blocking.

The Indians were ranked ninth among Division I-AA teams last season in total defense, an area which could improve if linemen Norman Amos, Brian Castle, Henry Powell, and Kevin Wright blossom in the team's new five-man front. Keith Crutchfield, Rodney Moon, and George Murphy provide depth and experience at linebacker, while cornerback Hiram Porter patrols a youthful secondary. Although the place-kicking duties were up for grabs at the end of spring drills, redshirt Chad McCarty had emerged as the punter.

NORTH TEXAS

The Mean Green snarled often during an 8-4 season which ended in defeat in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs last year. The Eagles held the nation's No. 1 ranking for six weeks before falling. A return to prominence could be in the offing if coach Corky Nelson can find enough quality newcomers to blend with a veteran nucleus on offense.

Scott Davis completed 58 percent of his pass attempts last season for 2,409 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also led North Texas with 439 yards rushing, a workload he may hand off to halfback Tony Cook and fullback Darrin Collins. Left tackle Scott Bowles is the anchor of an inexperienced line.

Several question marks return on defense, where tackles Roderick Manning and Shawn Wash are the only returning starters in the line. Junior linebacker Byron Gross has led the Eagles in tackles for each of the last two years. Walter Casey and Jeff Tutson are two names in a largely unproven secondary. Southland Conference scoring leader Keith Chapman will try to improve on his level of success a year ago, when he successfully converted 19 of 27 field-goal attempts.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Finding new personnel who will generate some additional firepower on offense was the focal point of spring drills for the Bearkats, who stumbled to a 3-8 record after achieving a national ranking in 1987. Until the offense shows signs of improvement, the team's strength is likely to be a solid defensive line assembled by coach Ron Randleman.

Defensive end Andre Finley and tackle Mike Ober are the leaders of a defensive unit that must find a replacement for heralded strong-side linebacker Lish Adams. Senior cornerback Doc Livingston is the only returning starter in the secondary. A rebuilding project

also is underway at linebacker, where Mike Otis is the lone veteran with considerable starting experience.

Unproven quarterbacks Trevor Spradley and Ashley Van Meter will be throwing to an inexperienced group of receivers which includes Randy Bartosh and Scott Ford. Depth could be a problem in a line anchored by Murphy Yates and Rodney Howerton. Prolific seasons will be needed from fullbacks Darryl Montgomery and Curtis Thomas if the Bearcats are to contend for a playoff berth.

McNEESE STATE

Continuing an upswing that earned them the distinction as one of the nation's most improved Division I-AA teams last year will be the biggest task for the Cowboys, who are beginning their third season under coach Sonny Jackson. Last year's 6-5 mark could serve as a stepping stone for a team which returns a wealth of veteran talent.

Added consistency from senior quarterback Scott Dieterich and tailback Tony Citizen are keys to McNeese's I-formation. Dieterich is the Cowboys' all-time passing leader and Citizen has led the team in rushing two of the last three years, but both will be challenged for their starting roles. Jeff Delhomme and Brian Champagne top the receivers, while center Jeff Mathews anchors a line that also includes tackles Chris Andrus and Jerico Loupe and guards Kenneth Pierce and Trent Lee.

The brightest star on defense could be Mike Pierce, a strong safety who led the team with four interceptions last season. Pierce will be joined in the secondary by veteran cornerbacks Mark McMahon and Rip Texada. A rebuilding job looms in the line, where Ronald Scott, Rodney Burks, and Cliff Buckner should step into starting roles.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

The need for a new wrinkle on offense became evident to coach John O'Hara last season after he watched his Bobcats finish with their third consecutive 4-7 record. O'Hara added the role of offensive coordinator to his list of responsibilities in an attempt to add consistency to a sputtering attack.

The renovation project on offense begins with a line which must find three newcomers to blend with veteran guard Tommy Salazar and tackle Jeff Novak. Experience is at a premium in the backfield, where Greg Pagel takes over as the Bobcats' starting quarterback and Reggie Rivers prepares for a busy season at fullback in the pro-I formation. Improved range is a must for place-kicker Jason Howes, who missed all five of his field-goal attempts of 35 yards or longer last season.

The strength of the Bobcats' defense is a talented line anchored by ends Ken Matula and Ernie Powell and tackles Matt Wright and Glenn Mangold. The entire secondary must be rebuilt with a long list of candidates that includes John Dulaney and Keith Randle. Added depth is necessary at linebacker, where Todd Davis is the lone holdover.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Reshaping a defense which returns only two starters is the primary objective of new coach Lynn Graves, whose task should be alleviated by the presence of a skilled offensive unit which helped the Lumberjacks to a 10-3 record a year ago.

Grooming a new fullback is the only chore awaiting Graves on offense this fall. Greg Bryant, Jeff Jackson, and Bo Alexander are fixtures in a veteran line which will be asked to create openings for running back Larry Cooper and to provide ample pass protection for quarterback Todd Hammel.

By comparison, the defense must regroup around tackle Melvin Jones and safety David Whitmore. Senior tackle Roderick Stansell and cornerback James Cobb and Steve Hicks are among the top candidates to earn starting positions for a team which also must depend on such unproven linebackers as Greg Owens and David Temple. Chuck Rawlinson is back after establishing a school record with 22 field goals a year ago.

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JACKSON STATE

(8-1-2) The Tigers have been an awesome force in the SWAC during the 1980s. They have won or shared the league title seven times, including outright crowns the past three seasons. They have won 25 consecutive conference games dating back to 1985, when Mississippi Valley beat the Tigers. They have made six appearances in the I-AA playoffs.

But veteran coach W.C. (Winning Consistently) Gorden faces a big challenge in finding replacements for three All-America players. Lewis Tillman set single-season and career school rushing records. Free safety Kevin Dent was a three-time all-star selection, and linebacker Cammie Collins racked up a team-time high 97 tackles. While the Tigers will find it difficult to match last year's showing, the outlook is anything but bleak. Fifteen starters return.

Shawn Gregory passed for 1,348 yards and 12 touchdowns, but he needs to improve on his 36.5 completion percentage and lower his interceptions (12). The running game will be weakened without Tillman, who led SWAC rushers with 1,436 yards. Lee Holloway (1,113 yards) is the most experienced runner in camp. Gregory's primary target will be flanker Ronald Lewis, whose 20 catches for 354 yards were both team-leading marks. Tight end Darron Easterling and Tim Barnett complement the receiving corps. A veteran line, headed by All-America guard Tim Brown (265) and behemoth all-SWAC tackle Richard Wright (330), shapes up as one of the team's strongest areas.



ANDRE FINLEY
Sam Houston State

All-America linebacker Darion Conner, who should go high in the 1990 NFL draft, is the cornerstone on the defensive unit that also features all-conference linemen Chris Gale and Eric Ely. Mike Wallace and Kenneth Primos are steady performers in the secondary. Fred McRae is one of the league's premier punters and Osa Oshonba is a capable place-kicker.

GRAMBLING

(8-3) With all-SWAC quarterback Clemente Gordon at the throttle, the Tigers got back on the winning track last season, and there is good reason to believe Gordon will have the G-Men traveling the fast lane again in 1989. Eddie Robinson enters his 49th season at Grambling as the nation's all-time winningest college coach (349-122-15). He is likely to improve on those numbers with a squad that returns 14 starters.

Gordon sparked the league's No. 1 offense by throwing for 1,975 yards and 18 touchdowns with just seven interceptions. Wingback Fred Jones captured all-league honors in 1988 when he rushed for 374 yards and snared 36 passes for 654 yards. He led the team in scoring with 10 touchdowns. Tailback Walter Dean ran for 585 yards. The departure of Richie Crosby leaves some big shoes to fill in the receiving corps, but tight end Franklin Thomas presents an excellent target. Other key losses include All-America tackle Ricky Warren and center Michael Harris, but the line is not lacking for size: tackle Raymond Smith (6-6, 420), James Brown (320), Nolan Brown (290), and center Daniel Jones (288).

The senior linebacking trio of Gerrick Muse, Lionel Prudhomme, and Reggie Williams is being counted on to pick up a defense that ranked seventh in the SWAC. Henry Blades (260) and Wendell Matthews (320) provide strong tackle play. Ends Carl Taylor (245) and Darryl Milburn also are sturdy defenders. Ivan Gerald, Jerome Tullis, and Duane Gordon are returning starters in the secondary.



DARRYL MONTGOMERY
Sam Houston State

ALCORN STATE

(6-4) Sophomore flanker Torrance Small figures big in the Braves' plans, providing quarterback Gerry Butler improves his passing numbers (39 of 95 for 497 yards). Meanwhile, Small snared 15 balls for 297 yards, saving his best for last with a 113-yard performance against SWAC champ Jackson State.

Fullback Calvin Gaines (483 yards) is the leading running back in camp. Guard James Harper (268) is the top player up front. He will receive support from tackles Mark Scott (278) and Dwayne White (284) and center Jimmy Miller (267).

Tackles Sam Butler (271) and David Abbott (243) head the defensive line. Linebackers Bennie Goods and Victor Lyons are primed for big years. Goods was credited with 10 sacks and Lyons figured in 86 tackles, both team-leading totals. Garry Lewis and Deon Taylor are stickouts in the secondary. The latter picked off five passes. The place-kicking chores will fall to Kevin Coburn.

ALABAMA STATE

(7-3) Once a football doormat, the Hornets could find themselves knocking on the championship door if all the pieces fall into place. Coach Houston Markham has turned the ASU program around in his two years by posting a 15-6 record after a decade that saw the school saddled with losing seasons. The Hornets won five of their final six games (including three shutouts) last season and Markham is optimistic the momentum will carry over into 1989.

Brad Baxter, the school's all-time leading rusher (3,732 yards) and scorer (180 points) has graduated, but Rodney Baxter is hoping to step into his brother's shoes at tailback. Fullback Bennie Ingram and Anthony Lewis add experience to the ground game. Rapid Ricky Jones ran for 403 yards and passed for 400 as a rookie last season. Tight end Darren Duplessis returns for his senior season after leading the team with 20 catches for 334 yards. Guard Patrick Johnson (261), the only freshman to gain all-SWAC recognition, is the leader on a line that also features 280-pound tackles William Kyle and Jackie Rowan.

Gary Browne and outside linebacker Meryles Gilbert will make life miserable for enemy offenses. Browne led the Hornets with five interceptions and Gilbert ranked second in tackles, with 92. Ends Arthur English and Willie Stallworth and tackle Willie Rozier (272) are durable. Mark Hurt, Emmanuel Martin, and John Mitchell are proven players in the secondary. Hurt also excels as a kick returner, averaging 26.5 yards on kickoffs and 18.5 yards per punt return.

SOUTHERN

(6-5) Gerald Kimble will make his college and head-coaching debut this season, and he plans to give the Jaguars a new look by installing an aerial attack reminiscent of pass-happy Mississippi Valley State in the early 1980s. The Jags won their final three games in 1988 to assure a winning season.

Kimble can choose from three proven quarterback in Nathaniel Harrison, Robert Zeigler, and sophomore Charles Wright. Harrison missed last season due to grades after throwing for 656 yards as a freshman. Zeigler and Wright combined for 1,226 passing yards in 1988. Elliott Searcy had the best receiving numbers (29 catches for 287 yards). Tailback Harry Kimbrough is a two-way threat with his creden-

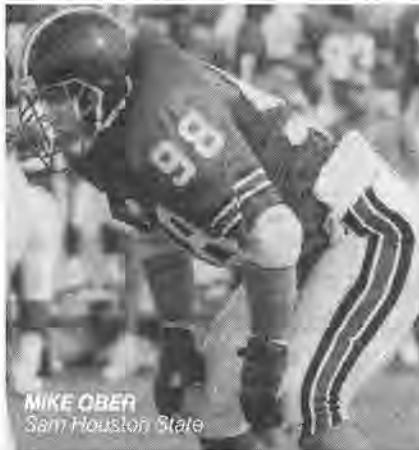
tials showing 333 yards on 87 rushes and 333 yards on 14 receptions. Center Gary Campbell (245) anchors the line that features sophomore tackle Donald Bullock (6-4, 330), guards Corey Partee (245) and Andrew Bromfield (230), and end Thomas McLemore (215).

Tackle Dexter Blackmon (266) is a standout on the defensive line. Linebacker Aeneas Williams merits top billing. Harvey Wilson (82 tackles, seven interceptions) and strong safety Douglas Craft (70 tackles, five steals) lend excellent protection in the secondary.

PRairie VIEW

(5-5) The Panthers derived more satisfaction than most break-even teams by posting their first non-losing season since 1976 and ending a 17-year victory drought against Southern University. Can Haney Catchings achieve winning stature in his second season at the helm?

The answer will be provided by nine returning starters, headed by two of the league's premier linebackers: Anthony Wallace and Wendell



Smith. Nose tackle Cornelius Conley (270) was all-SWAC. Strong safety Kevin Peterson is being counted on to take up the slack left by the departure of Greg Black.

Sophomore Kevin Phillips, who took over at quarterback three games into his rookie season, put up some decent numbers by completing 85 of 177 for 935 yards and five touchdowns. Sophomore Kevin Bray has been shifted to running back. George Glaze is a competent receiver (19 receptions for 287 yards). Sammy Widmen would bolster the receiving corps, but his status is doubtful since he skipped spring drills. Guard Marcus Forney (250) and center George Payne (235) are mainstays in the line.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(3-8) Slowly but surely, the Delta Devils are getting their act back together after winning only four games the past two seasons. No one feels the heat more than third-year coach Ken Pettiford, who will regroup with a squad that has 11 sophomores and four freshmen starters.

Junior quarterback Willie Stewart completed only 43 percent of his passes for 604 yards while being intercepted 10 times and throwing for only three TDs. Sophomore Ronald Humphrey will help balance the offensive scales. He was voted SWAC Freshman of the Year by grinding out 767 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Alonzo Hunter and junior tight end Steve Blakeley are capable. Senior guard Donald Holt (275), tackles Dion Cooper (275) and Tim

McMorris (260), center Walter Harrington (240), and guard Donald Holt (275) comprise the line.

The defense revolves around linebackers Kenneth Jackson (104 tackles, including 40 unassisted), Eric Snow, and David Woulard. Freshman tackle Stacy Tillman merits attention, as do ends Reginal Fisher and Romy Malone, both of whom tip the scales at 270 pounds. Everett Nichols and James Williams are seasoned hands in the secondary.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(0-11) Tiger coach Walter Highsmith will break away from the film room long enough on Sundays this fall to watch his son, Alonzo, pile up yardage for the Houston Oilers. Highsmith hopes to see the same results on Saturdays when his first TSU team lines up. He had reason to be optimistic coming out of spring drills with fullback Jason Johnson and tailback Marc Davis showing signs of progress. Fourteen regulars return intent on erasing the bitter memories of a winless season. Quarterback Clinton Brewster threw for 1,439 yards, but he completed only three TD tosses while being intercepted an alarming 29 times. Wide receiver Will Moore is rated the best receiver. Brian Wiggins (42 receptions for 489 yards) also will keep defenders honest. Tackle Gaylon Carson (275), center Robert Arnold (295), and guard Martin Flores (255) are in the line.

Linebacker Kevin Harris is being groomed for all-star honors after 109 tackles, seven sacks, three interceptions, and four fumble recoveries. Sophomore Michael Ceaser had 89 tackles in nine games. Giant tackles Terry Smith (6-5, 280) and Byron Lyons (6-4, 276) will hold their ground up front. Denny Moore and Allen Anderson lead the secondary. Juco All-America nose tackle Jerome Jackson (250) will help.

Independents

ARKANSAS STATE

An inconsistent kicking game and a harrowing succession of injuries prevented the Indians from reaching the Division I-AA playoffs last season for the first time in five years. As a result of his team's 5-6 record, coach Larry Lacewell will place added emphasis on defense and the kicking game while waiting for a talented offense to mature.

Like all of the Indians' quarterbacks, projected starter Roy Johnson has yet to throw for a touchdown on the college level. As a result, much of the offense's early firepower likely will be generated by a running game fueled by fullback Richard Kimble and halfback Dennis Forrest, who have rushed for more than 2,800 yards between them for Arkansas State. Finding a way to get the ball into the hands of gifted split end Fred Barnett is a priority.

Reserve linebacker Don Palmar and tackle Brian Lagomarcino are the only seniors with any experience on defense. Other returning starters include nose guard Anthony Williams, tackle Kraig Ware, and cornerbacks Byron Matthews and Phillip Wells.

LOUISIANA TECH

Growing pains were evident last season as the Bulldogs went 4-7 during a schedule that included games against four bowl teams and eight Division I-A schools. Now that they've gained I-A status, the Bulldogs are eager to show they belong. To accomplish that goal, Tech must improve a rushing attack that aver-

aged 72 yards per game and overhaul an inexperienced line that returns Glenn Hunt as its only starter under coach Joe Peace.

Senior linebacker Glenell Sanders has made 366 tackles during the last two seasons while establishing himself as the leader of a defense that also includes linebacker Eldonta Osborne, tackle Howard McMahan, end Mike Wood, and free safety Demise Loyd. Sophomore quarterback Gene Johnson, running back Derrick Douglas, and wide receiver Bobby Slaughter are the top names in the Bulldogs' multiple offense. Place-kicker Matt Stover's next field goal will be his 50th.

LAMAR

Continued improvement on defense is of paramount importance for a Cardinal team which suffered through its second successive 3-8 season under coach Ray Alborn. Although Lamar put together its stingiest defensive unit in five years, it wasn't enough to complement a run-and-shoot offense which has made considerable strides.

The key elements to the Cardinals' offense once again will be quarterback John Evans and talented receivers Willie Walker, Tyrone Shavers, Chris Ford, and Chris Lafferty. Evans passed for 1,525 yards and nine touchdowns last season. Most impressively, he established an NCAA Division I-AA record by throwing 170 consecutive passes without an interception. Kenny Franklin and Sherwin Johnson will share time in the backfield, while guard Tim Thomas and tackle Jake Wilson are the biggest names in an overhauled line.

The strength of Lamar's defense should be a line that returns tackle Kacy Lewis, end Troy Knight, and nose guards Kevin Arey and Myron Riser. Three-year letterman Bo Brown is the only senior in a corps of linebackers that also includes Mick Still, Darren Smith, and converted running back Naisaun Ahmadi. Scott McDonald, Chris Gravitt, Ronnie Henson, Ed Cockrell, and Waylon Patterson will patrol the secondary.

lone star conference

TEXAS A&I

(10-3) Tailback Johnny Bailey wrote another chapter in his celebrated career last season by becoming the new king of Division II rushing circles. Johnny comes running home for the final time ranked No. 8 on the all-time chart with 5,051 yards. That leaves him 1,031 yards behind Tony Dorsett, the former Pitt star.

While Bailey chases Dorsett's record, the Javelinas will try to improve on one of college football's top records. A&I has compiled a 400-182-16 mark in 60 seasons for a .682 winning percentage, third-best in Division II and one of the best in all classifications. The Javelinas captured their 15th LSC title last season, and coach Ron Harms returns 18 starters for another championship run. Two of the missing regulars, fullback Heath Sherman and lineman Rod Mounts, were All-Americans.

Rod Brown, who saw limited action last season, is the quarterback. Bailey, who else, will shoulder the running load after rambling for 2,022 yards in a 13-game season. Kerry Simien is being groomed for all-star honors. He led the team with 30 catches for 498 yards and five TDs. Simien also topped the LSC in kickoff returns (23.7 average). Tight end Derrick Owens is another proven receiver. Jorge



JOHN EVANS
Lamar



JOHNNY BAILEY
Texas A&I

Rodriguez, all-LSC first-team, and Sheldon Haliburton are the tackles, Bill Deen a guard, and Eddie LaTouf the center.

John Randle (236) was voted LSC Lineman of the Year and he gained Little All-America honors. He led Division II with 22 sacks. End Johnny Eaton has logged starting time and tackle Keithen DeGrate provides heat up front. Henry Smith, James King, and Kevin Beasley are quality linebackers. The secondary shows veterans Terry Blackmon, Herbie Anderson, Lawrence Batiste, and Barron Preston.

ANGELO STATE

(6-4) The Rams have some big shoes to fill, starting with All-America linebacker Henry Alsbrooks. But coach Jerry Vandergriff is not ready to panic as he starts on his eighth season as the ASU grid boss.

Quarterback Mickey Russell, defensive tackle Welman Bauer, and linebacker Pede Hunt top a list of 12 returning regulars. Russell was the second-leading passer in the conference as a junior (1,524 yards, 13 TDs). The offensive spotlight also shines on running backs Joel Smith and Junior Bell and wide receiver Myron Turner. Smith rushed for a team-high 418 yards and Turner had 29 catches for 374 yards. Tackles Frank Graves (257) and Harvey DeWitt (251) are take-charge players up front.

Hunt and Bauer ranked second and third on the tackle chart. Phillip Bivens and Darren Kight provide protection at the ends. All-LSC backs Ternell Washington and Chad Sthele have departed, but strong safety Sam Williams will help fill the void.

Vandergriff must regroup after the 46-26 season-ending loss to Texas A&I that knocked the Rams out of the LSC title hunt.

EAST TEXAS STATE

(8-3) Season-ending losses to Angelo State and Cameron eliminated the Lions from the LSC title picture, and coach Eddie Vowell's biggest concern is making sure that frustrating finish does not have a lasting effect.

Running back Jarrod Owens, all-LSC tight end Gary Compton, and All-America defensive end Kit Morton head the returning cast. Good things are bound to happen on offense if sophomore quarterback Bobby Bounds lives up to advance billing. After being held back as a freshman redshirt, Bounds came into his own last season by throwing for 704



JOHNNIE HURNDON
East Texas State

yards and scrambling for 119. Owens is being pushed for honors after rushing for 857 yards as a sophomore. Johnnie Hurndon, who set a school record with his 87-yard scoring scamper against Texas A&I, and fullback Eric Faulkner bolster the running game. Compton is being moved to wide receiver after hauling in a league-high 47 passes for 786 yards and eight TDs. Center John Varnell is the lone returning regular in the line, but Lance Carter and Stephen Gable have experience.

Morton (15 sacks) is the big name on defense. Linebacker J.P. Slovak and soph cornerback Jimmy Hooker are steady. The latter had a team-best five interceptions. Juco transfers Freddie Roy and Frank Roberts should play key roles in the secondary.

CAMERON

(5-3-1) By knocking off East Texas State in the season finale, the Aggies achieved winning status in their first year in the LSC. Although lacking the ingredients of a title contender, coach Brian Nabers' team could pull a few surprises if the offense comes around.

Nabers is hoping quarterback Roosevelt Gamble can inject some life in a passing attack that rolled over and played dead in 1988. Primarily a running team, the Aggies completed only 40 passes in nine games. The loss of running back Robert Whitman, fifth in the LSC

in rushing, takes a big chunk out of the offense. Bruce Carter and Bryan Weems are receivers. All-conference tackle Charles Stover merits top billing, alongside center Peter Pruitt and guard Brad Harvey.

Defense again will be the team's strong point. Linemen Doug Barr, Dan Henry, Brent Cook, and Stoney Mathis return from a unit that ranked No. 2 in the conference. Trevor Johnson and John Tenison assure protection in the secondary. A pair of newcomers, freshman Herman Stevenson and juco transfer Bubba Baker, are promising tackles.

CENTRAL STATE

(4-5) After starting the season with five straight losses, the Bronchos showed a strong closing kick by reeling off four consecutive wins, including upsets over Angelo State and defending national NAIA champion Cameron State. The momentum should carry over this year with 18 returning regulars.

Coach Gary Howard is hoping the offense, which ranked last in the LSC, will show more spark. Junior tailback Pinky Hurley rushed for 671 yards in eight games to rank No. 4 in the league. Quarterback Zane Burgess needs to improve on his accuracy. He was intercepted eight times while throwing for only one TD. Split end Terrance Jones and bantam flanker Jerry Johnson (5-3, 148) are proven receivers. Center Alan Vanover and tackle Doug Brown are tops in the line.

ED BANE
Abilene Christian



Free safety Robert Gordon and linebacker Mike Bennett lead the defense. Gordon made 71 stops and his four interceptions led the team. Bennett was the Broncs' leading tackler, 22 coming in the Cameron game. A pair of sophs, tackle Terrance Tyler and nose guard Tony Bryan, also will contribute.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

(2-8) The Greyhounds have been on a roller-coaster ride the past two seasons. Coach Don Carthel's team started 1987 by reeling off nine straight wins, but the Hounds will carry a seven-game losing streak into 1989. Carthel, entering his fifth season, has 15 returning regulars. Heading the cast are kicker Bob Gilbreath and free safety Anthony Pertile.

Todd Lacey and sophomore Mike Scott will battle for the starting quarterback job. The latter threw for 1,231 yards but he was intercepted 13 times. Lacey passed for 902 yards and had seven intercepts. Robert Griggs caught 33 passes for 540 yards and Efrem Evans had 29 for 427. Fullback Nelson Pearson sparks the ground attack. Randy Meyer heads the line that also includes center Ed Baldwin and guard Dewaine Lee.

Linebacker Jay Pirkle ranked second in tackles last season. The defense also features tackle Randy Brown, end Thomas Young, backer Mike Sinclair, guard Murray Garrett. Larry Hilliard complements Pertile.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

(3-7) An improved running game is being counted on to give the aerial-minded Wildcats more balance as they attempt to come out of last season's nose dive. The Flying Christians won their first two LSC games, then lost their next four to fall out of the title picture. Nine regulars off last season's team have bailed out, including the league's No. 3 rusher, Gerald Todd. But quarterback Stan Stephens is among 13 returning starters. Stephens ranked third on the LSC passing chart, averaging 166 yards per game. Todd ran for 805 yards and caught a team-high 34 passes.

Tailback Eric Brown, a junior-college transfer, and fullback Jimmy Hays are expected to shore up the ground game. Sean Grady is an explosive receiver. Scott Allen hauled in 28 passes for 391 yards. John Layfield was an all-LSC lineman.

Tackle Bill Clayton, who also earned all-LSC honors last season, will bid for All-America recognition as the leader on the defensive unit. James Hunter is steady at the other tackle spot. Returning starters Keith Lang and Wade Moon and juco transfer Kenny Wright stabilize the linebacking. Ed Bane and Troy Solari are in the secondary.

WEST TEXAS STATE

(2-8) Plugging leaks in a defense that allowed a school-record 40.3 points per game is the main problem facing second-year WTSU coach Steve Graf. While the defense was surrendering points at an alarming rate, the Buffaloes were hanging up some big numbers on offense. They ranked second in the nation in passing (287 yards per game) and claimed the No. 2 ranking in the LSC in total offense (357 yards per game).

Graf is counting on soph Dan Buesing to fill the shoes of Doak Taylor, who put the finishing touches on his collegiate career by winning the LSC passing title. Buesing, who played in five games before going down with a broken collarbone, threw for 479 yards. Keith Miller proved a pleasant surprise by hauling in 27 passes for 537 yards and seven TDs. Greg Hodges is back for his senior season after rushing for a team-best 606 yards. All-LSC tackle Larry Schmoker, center Keith Harrison, and guard Tommy Saucedo are in the line.

The defense promises to be much improved—it could not get much worse—with eight returning regulars. Maurice Hobson and Matt McMillion are the tackles. Johnny Turner heads the linebacking trio that also includes Bronza Moore and Scott Mays. Andrew Gowell had four interceptions. Free safety Craig Hemphill also is impressive. A third returnee in the secondary is Michael Soto.

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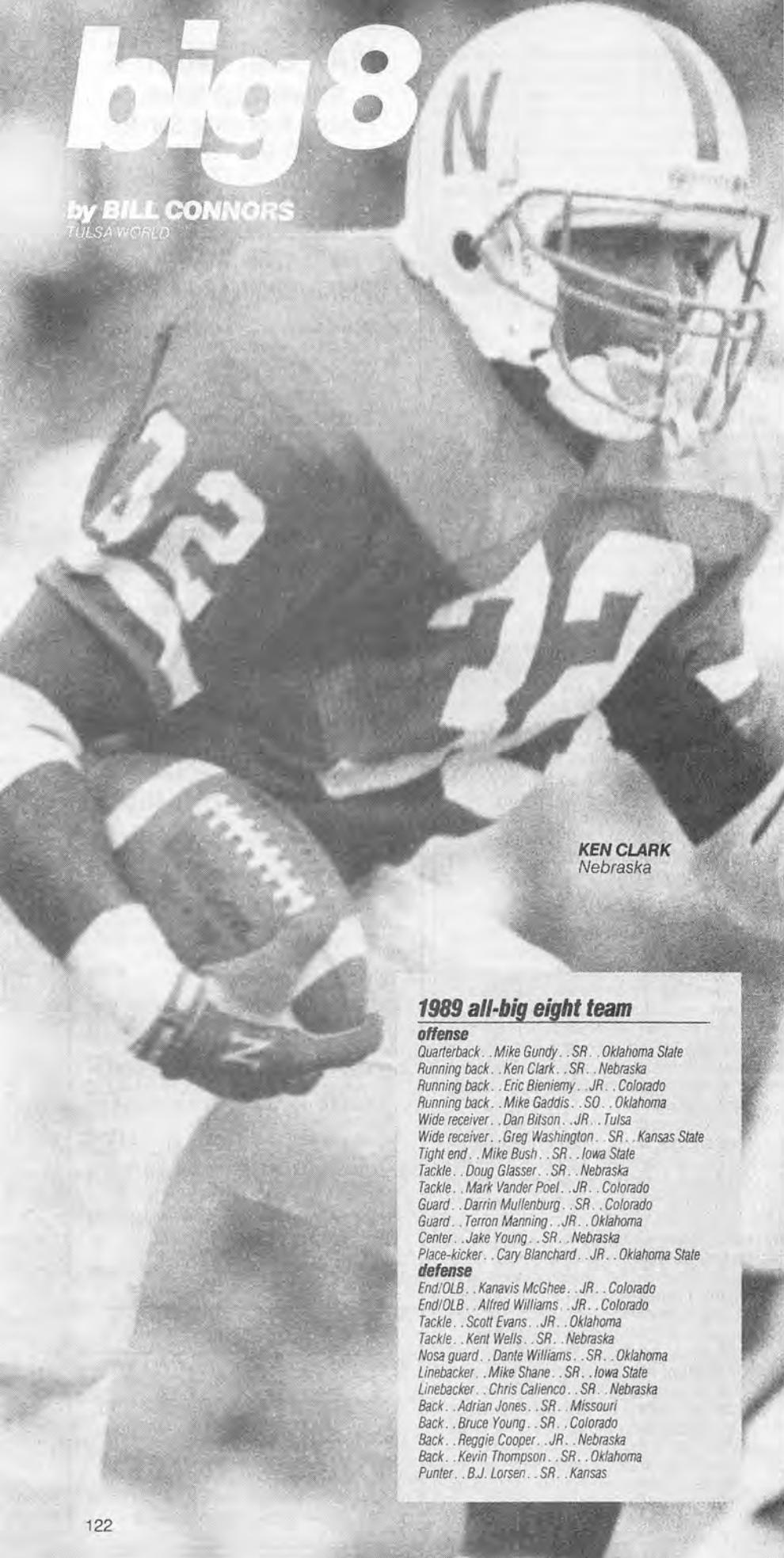
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Guard . . Darrin Mullenburg . . SR . . Colorado
Guard . . Terron Manning . . JR . . Oklahoma
Center . . Jake Young . . SR . . Nebraska
Place-kicker . . Cary Blanchard . . JR . . Oklahoma State

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Back . . Kevin Thompson . . SR . . Oklahoma
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Can this be the Big Eight Conference? Oklahoma is out of quarterbacks. Nebraska is thin. The wishbone is gone and passing is in. Most of the stars are enrolled at Colorado. Most of the experienced quarterbacks play for second-division teams.

The most significant change in 1989, however, is that for the first time since this year's freshmen were in kindergarten, there are bona fide reasons to expect a race for the championship that transcends Nebraska and Oklahoma. The championship may be decided, as usual, when the perennial powers meet at Lincoln on November 18. But that will not be the only red-letter date. The last time the Big Eight had a wide-open race was 1976, when six teams had a chance to share the title on the next-to-last weekend of play. Three did. Colorado went to the Orange Bowl.

predictions

big eight conference

1. Nebraska, 2. Oklahoma, 3. Colorado,
4. Oklahoma State, 5. Missouri, 6. Iowa State,
7. Kansas, 8. Kansas State

independent

Tulsa

gateway conference

1. Western Illinois, 2. Southwest Missouri State,
3. Indiana State, 4. Eastern Illinois, 5. Northern Iowa,
6. Southern Illinois, 7. Illinois State

The Buffaloes might get the ticket this year, and not just because Oklahoma is starting a three-year NCAA probation and can not go. Quarterback Mike Gundy and Oklahoma State, the only combination to take liberties with Colorado's defense the last two years, can not go, either, because the Cowboys are starting a four-year NCAA probation. Colorado would be a contender for the Orange Bowl even if the Sooners and Cowboys were eligible. The Buffs have elevated themselves to a talent level that makes them close or equal to less than vintage Nebraska and Oklahoma teams. But because the Buffs have not proven they can win it all and Nebraska has, the Cornhuskers are slight favorites over Oklahoma and the Buffaloes. Colorado might be a year away from blooming.

Nebraska, after having a succession of outstanding teams fall short of Oklahoma, surprised last year and won the championship with its weakest team of the '80s. The Cornhuskers return fewer starters (11) than any Big Eight team, are thin by their standards, and appear less than formidable on defense. Yet the tipoff on Nebraska's capacity to rebuild and remain representative is coach Tom Osborne's admission that none of the incoming freshmen—a heralded group—figures in his plans. And in a year when the contenders have new quarterbacks, Nebraska has a senior. A tragedy will cause Colorado to start a sophomore and a scandal will cause Oklahoma to start a redshirt freshman.

Big Eight officials, whose budgets had to be trimmed because of the lost revenue resulting from television and bowl sanctions against Oklahoma and OSU, pray that the Sooners do not prevail. The Orange Bowl contract with the Big Eight includes a clause permitting Miami authorities to go elsewhere for a host team if the champion is not available and the runner-up is not suitable. If their new quarterback is

adequate, the Sooners could easily win the championship. Only Iowa State, Kansas, and Kansas State can be ruled out of contention.

This exciting prospect follows a turbulent offseason. Besides the probations, for recruiting infractions, placed on the Sooners and the Cowboys, five Oklahoma players—including quarterback Charles Thompson—were arrested in three separate incidents involving drugs, rape, and shooting. They were dismissed and Barry Switzer, the nation's winningest coach, came under attack for running a lax program. When Switzer sought to get away from the storm by taking his daughter on a spring skiing trip, he stumbled and tore up both knees and had to undergo surgery.

Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State, who rushed for 2,628 yards and 39 touchdowns en route to winning the Heisman Trophy, chose to bypass his final year of eligibility and became the first third-year junior ever accepted in the NFL draft. Detroit, which had the third pick on the first round, selected Sanders.

Missouri and Kansas State changed coaches. Missouri hired Bob Stull, who turned big-time loser Texas-El Paso into a winner, and K-State tapped Bill Snyder, an Iowa assistant. Stull's new broom helped sweep the wishbone out of the Big Eight. Colorado had eased out of the wishbone formation and into the power-I last season. Oklahoma, which won three national championships with the wish-



bone, switched to an option-oriented I-formation. Switzer made the change after the Sooners failed to score a touchdown in the final 10 quarters of last season.

Stull is known as a passing coach. Switzer wants "to pass more and much better." So does Colorado's Bill McCartney. Snyder vows to keep the pass in vogue at Kansas State. Gundy's presence assures OSU of remaining in a passing mode.

The one constant is Nebraska. Osborne begins his 17th season with the same I-formation running. He has the Big Eight's No. 1 returning rusher in tailback Ken Clark to run behind a typically huge line anchored by center Jake Young. "We could be pretty average or pretty good," Osborne said.

In the spring of 1986, Oklahoma's quarterback stable included Troy Aikman, Jamelle

Holoway, and Eric Mitchel, and Thompson had been signed to a letter of intent. Now the Sooners have three nondescript rookies. "We will be in a lot of close games, but we could win any of them if we find a quarterback," Switzer said. The remainder of his team is gifted and features tailback Mike Gaddis and defensive tackle Scott Evans.

Colorado, plagued in recent years by grief that spanned academic, disciplinary, and illness charts, was staggered by the loss of quarterback Sal Aunese. He learned in the spring he had cancer. Darian Hagan, the new quarterback, will be surrounded by the Big Eight's largest cast of all-star candidates, the best of whom are tailback Eric Bienemy and defensive end Kanavis McGhee. The Buffs lost to Oklahoma and Nebraska by a combined margin of 10 points last year, but had a chance to win each game in the fourth quarter. They could not hold the Sooners, and a touchdown-bound back fumbled without being hit in the open field against Nebraska. This year, the Buffs play OU and Nebraska in successive games.

Oklahoma State proved terrible defenses could be negated last year when the Cowboys won 10 games and were the Big Eight's only winner in four bowls. They led the nation in scoring with a 47.5 average, as Sanders set 29 NCAA rushing and scoring records. Hart Lee Dykes became the Big Eight's career receiving leader, and Gundy put himself in position to break the conference career passing record this year. With Gundy, promising replacements, and an improved defense, Pat Jones thinks "We will be in the hunt."

Stull thinks fullback Tommie Stowers and tight end Tim Bruton give his offense a chance to jell. If junior-college transfers are as good as coach Jim Walden thinks, Iowa State might reach the Oklahoma State-Missouri level. Glen Mason thinks Kansas will improve in his second season. Snyder is starting from scratch at Kansas State.

The area's leading candidates for All-America are Young, Nebraska; Evans, Oklahoma; Gundy, Oklahoma State; Bienemy, Colorado; and flanker Dan Bitson, Tulsa.

big eight conference

NEBRASKA

(11-2, 7-0) Of the three leading contenders counting on new quarterbacks, the Cornhuskers have the edge in talent and depth. Gerry Gdowski is a senior who will start if he holds off promising newcomers. Coach Tom Osborne traditionally favors experience over talent. But he is admittedly fascinated with Mickey Joseph, a sophomore who was a heralded recruit in 1987, and Mike Grant, a redshirt freshman who arrived with less fanfare but was more impressive than Joseph last season. Gdowski has excellent speed and is Nebraska's best option operative since Turner Gill, but he has an average arm. Joseph is more creative and elusive. Grant is the best passer. With the easiest non-conference schedule of Osborne's regime, the new quarterback will have an opportunity to bloom and gain confidence by the time the Cornhuskers face their first test, at Missouri, in their sixth game of the season.

At other positions, Nebraska's offense appears better than last year, when the Corn-

huskers led the nation in rushing and were sixth in scoring and seventh in total offense. The defense is short of stars but solid.

Tailback Ken Clark (200) was fifth nationally in rushing last year with 1,497 yards and made all-conference. While not exceptionally fast or elusive, Clark has a deceptive, slashing style and is, in the view of Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones, "tougher than their other great tailbacks." Other backfield starters returning are fullback Bryan Carpenter and



JAKE YOUNG
Nebraska

wingback Richard Bell, perhaps the best athlete on the team. Split end Morgan Gregory is a first-class receiver; Monte Kratzenstein, the only tight end with experience, may not be up to Nebraska standards. If he's not, William Washington, a redshirt freshman, might start.

The offensive line has standouts in center Jake Young (260), who made some All-American teams last year, and tackle Doug Glaser (295), perhaps the Big Eight's best at his position. Tackle Tom Punt (270) and guards Bill Bobbora (260) and Jim Wanek (240) are first-time starters in a line that lacks depth.

A defense that surprised last year by leading the conference against both rushing and passing returns only four starters: tackle Kent Wells (285), linebackers Jeff Mills and Chris Caliendo, and strong safety Reggie Cooper. But Joe Sims (265) convinced Osborne in spring practice that tackle "will be one of our stronger positions."

Linebackers Mike Croel and Pat Tyrance and cornerbacks Bruce Pickens and Tahaun Lewis represent the uncertain parts of the rebuilt defense. Marvin Sanders is scheduled to start at free safety, primarily because he is a senior, but Tyrone Byrd, a redshirt freshman, has the kind of speed Osborne prefers at this position. Nose guard, where Mike Murray (240) is the ranking contender, although he is lighter than desired, is a position where the Cornhuskers might be vulnerable.

Place-kickers Chris Drennan and Gregg Barrios are among the Big Eight's best. The new punter will be either Mike Stigge, who was not on the roster last year, or Byron Bennett, a freshman.

OKLAHOMA

(9-3, 6-1) The Sooners, whose tradition often leads to inflated ratings in rebuilding seasons, might be underrated. An NCAA probation, a sour finish in 1988, the dismissal of quarter-

back Charles Thompson and four other players on criminal charges, and cries for coach Barry Switzer's dismissal combine to create a tempered, uneasy outlook.

Except at quarterback, the Sooners have talent and experience. With Thompson, who pleaded guilty to charges of selling cocaine to an undercover FBI agent, Switzer envisioned this team being 10-0 going into its showdown with Nebraska. Instead of Thompson, the Sooners must select from three rookies, none of whom appears capable of reaching Oklahoma's recent standards.

By replacing the wishbone with an option version of the multiple-I used by Notre Dame, Switzer thinks the new quarterback's task will

be simplified. He will be relieved of the heavy running burden his predecessors carried and will not be required to read and execute the triple option. When OU runs the wishbone on goal-line and short-yardage situations, the plays will be predetermined, not options.

But the quarterback, besides needing the speed to run a modest number of options, must be able to pass adequately. Spring practice results were not encouraging. None of the three contenders emerged as a favorite to start. Chris Melson, a sophomore who played sparingly last season, has an edge in savvy. Tink Collins, a redshirt freshman who was the pre-spring favorite to start, is a fluid athlete, but he struggled with his passing. Steve Collins (no relation), also a redshirt freshman, has the best combination of height, arm, and speed. But he is an erratic passer.

Tailback Mike Gaddis was the Big Eight offensive newcomer of the year in 1988 and Switzer predicts he "will be the best back in the conference this year." Wingback Glyn Milburn is a home-run threat as a runner and

receiver. Fullback Leon Perry, who missed spring practice to have foot surgery, will be hard pressed to reclaim his starting position from Kenyon Rasheed, a redshirt freshman who was the rage of spring practice. Rod Fisher—if he recovers from a broken arm—Ted Long, highly regarded redshirt freshman Ike Lewis and Reggie Finch, and incoming freshman Dewell Brewer supply depth.

Artie Guess, disappointing in the wishbone, appears to be blooming into a capable deep receiver. Eric Bross is sure-handed. Adrian Cooper is the tight end.

The offensive line returns outstanding tackles Terron Manning (292) and Mark VanKeirsbilck (273), center Mike Wise (270), and

for Stacey Dillard (276), a sophomore with superstar projections, to start at tackle. Wayne Dickson (240) and Tracy Gordon (235), who alternated last year, return at the other end.

The unexpected loss of both starting cornerbacks leaves the secondary shallow. Safeties Kevin Thompson, who tied for the Big Eight lead in interceptions with six, and Ken McMichel move to cornerback. Terry Ray should be a competent free safety if a foot injury heals. Jason Belser and Greg DeQuasie will compete at strong safety.

Place-kicker R.D. Lashar has limited range but is superb inside the 25. Punter Brad Reddell is a freshman with considerable promise.

COLORADO

(8-4, 4-3) The Buffaloes have their most talented squad since the early '70s and are poised to make a run at the championship. They return 18 starters and a kicker from a team that had a chance to defeat Nebraska and Oklahoma a year ago.

The tragic loss of quarterback Sal Aunese, stricken with cancer, saddened the Buffs but did not shake their confidence. Coach Bill McCartney thought Darian Hagan, a sophomore, was a potential starter before Aunese's illness. Improved passing is the key to Colorado's hopes. The Buffs had the Big Eight's lowest completion percentage (.43.2) and the fewest touchdown passes (5) last year when they glided out of the wishbone and into the power-I formation. McCartney thinks Hagan will improve on these figures in the Buffs first full season out of the wishbone.

Otherwise, there are few reservations. Colorado has fine running backs, perhaps the best offensive line in the conference, a rugged defense, indications of continued superior kicking, and more all-conference candidates than any other team.

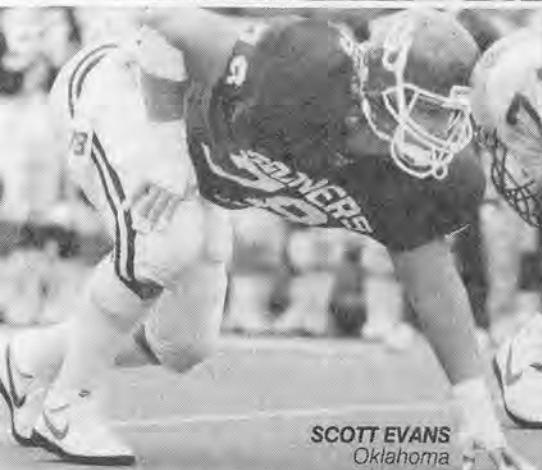
Tailback Eric Bienemy was sixth nationally in rushing (1,243 yards) in 1988 and was consensus all-conference. Some think alternate tailback J.J. Flannigan, who averaged 5.9 per carry and was ninth in the Big Eight (522 yards) last year, is more dangerous than Bienemy. Fullback Erich Kissick has gained 1,083 yards in his career and averaged 5.1 per carry. Tailback O.C. Oliver is also capable.



DANTE WILLIAMS
Oklahoma



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Oklahoma



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Oklahoma

be simplified. He will be relieved of the heavy running burden his predecessors carried and will not be required to read and execute the triple option. When OU runs the wishbone on goal-line and short-yardage situations, the plays will be predetermined, not options.

But the quarterback, besides needing the speed to run a modest number of options, must be able to pass adequately. Spring practice results were not encouraging. None of the three contenders emerged as a favorite to start. Chris Melson, a sophomore who played sparingly last season, has an edge in savvy. Tink Collins, a redshirt freshman who was the pre-spring favorite to start, is a fluid athlete, but he struggled with his passing. Steve Collins (no relation), also a redshirt freshman, has the best combination of height, arm, and speed. But he is an erratic passer.

Tailback Mike Gaddis was the Big Eight offensive newcomer of the year in 1988 and Switzer predicts he "will be the best back in the conference this year." Wingback Glyn Milburn is a home-run threat as a runner and

guard Mike Sawatzky (264). Guard Larry Medice (290) is expected to be other starter.

Defensively, all-Big Eight tackle Scott Evans (259) anchors a front that will be solid if nose guard Dante Williams (270) and end James Goode (233) recover from hamstring and hand surgery, respectively, and if the new linebackers are as good as projected. Linebackers Chris Wilson and Frank Blevins are returning starters but Reggie Barnes and Keith Taylor possess more ability. Tom Backes (276) returns at tackle and could play nose guard if Williams is not fit, paving the way



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Split end Jeff Campbell, wingback Mike Pritchard, and tight end John Perak are returning starters. The offensive line has starters at every position except center. Tackle Mark Vander Poel (295) and guard Darren Muilenburg (280) were second-team all-conference. Tackle Bill Coleman (265) is considered on the same level. Guard Joe Garten (280) and center Jay Leeuwenburg (255) complete what long-time Buff watchers think is the best line ever at Boulder.

A defense that was impressive against every opponent except Oklahoma State returns the most decorated front in the conference. Linebacker Kanavis McGhee was first-team all-Big Eight and tackle Arthur Walker (265) and linebackers Alfred Williams and Michael Jones were second-team selections. Free safety Bruce Young is the best of the other returning starters, who include strong safety Tim James, and cornerback Dave McCloskey. Okland Salavea was to be redshirted, but with the suspension of tackle Cole Hayes, he might play. Cornerback Keith Pontiff replaced 1988 starter Deon Figures in spring practice. Nose guard Joel Steed (270) and linebacker David Brown filled the only holes from 1988.

Ken Culbertson is one of the Big Eight's kickers and Tom Rouen should continue Colorado's tradition of all-star punters.

OKLAHOMA STATE

(10-2, 5-2) Despite an NCAA probation and the loss of two-thirds of the Big Eight's most prolific trio in history, coach Pat Jones disagrees with those who expect the Cowboys to go into a nose dive. His optimism is based on having talented replacements for Heisman Trophy tailback Barry Sanders and All-American split end Hart Lee Dykes, an improved defense, and retaining quarterback Mike Gundy, the other member of last year's record-setting backfield. And in reference to a four-year probation, Jones says, "Our attitude in the spring was the best we've ever had. We had 70 players who didn't miss a practice. That tells me we don't have morale problems."

MIKE GUNDY
Oklahoma State

Gundy alone makes the Cowboys worrisome to opponents. The 185-pound senior ranked second nationally in passing efficiency last year and needs but 617 yards to become the Big Eight's career leader in passing. But his foremost talents are leadership and picking defenses apart.

Tailback Gerald Hudson averaged 7.9 yards per carry as Sanders' backup. He has Sanders-type speed and strength. NFL scouts who timed Hudson in spring practice predicted he would become the seventh straight OSU tailback to play professional football. Cecil Wilson has better running ability than OSU's recent fullbacks. Vernon Brown is a competent backup to Hudson. Seasoned receivers Jarrod Green, Curtis Mayfield, and Brent Parker and heralded sophomore Lee Keith are capable. Vance Vice returns at tight end but will be challenged by faster sophomore Mark Walter. If the Cowboys were as strong at the other positions as they figure to

All-Big Eight place-kicker Cary Blanchard, the runner-up to Sanders in conference scoring last year (100 points), will again be asked to punt. He averaged 37.5 yards last year.

MISSOURI

(3-7-1, 2-5) Coach Bob Stull inherits a squad with more promise than the record suggests. The Tigers, after solid recruiting and prudent redshirting, have four impressive classes from Woody Widenhofer's regime.

The Tigers think a winning record, which would be their first since 1983, is possible. They were not that far from breaking through last year. Their defense was among the Big Eight's best against rushing and allowed them to extend Nebraska and Oklahoma. But Oklahoma State and Colorado plundered them and they were consistently victimized by passing teams.

Stull was hailed as one of the nation's up-and-coming coaches after winning 17 games the last two years at Texas-El Paso, which in the two decades prior to his arrival ranked among the nation's worst programs. Stull brought his entire staff with him from UTEP to expedite the change from Widenhofer's wishbone to his multiple-formation offense that stresses passing. Their first evaluation was discouraging. Corey Welch, considered the most talented quarterback, flunked out of school. The wishbone was short of receivers. So they recruited seven. But spring left Stull optimistic about his inheritance. Quarterback John Stollenwerck, not suited for the wishbone, "looks like he can get the job done," Stull said. Kent Keifer also excited Stull.

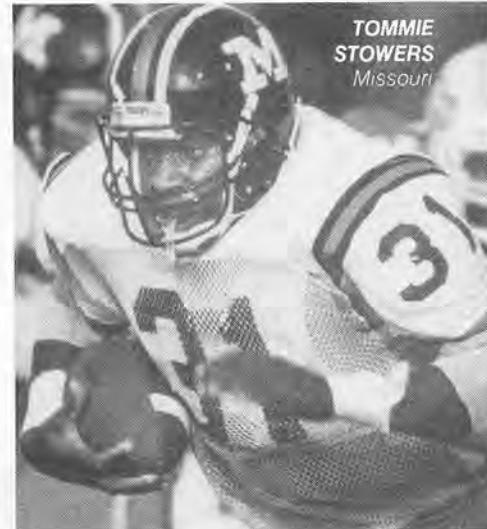


ROD SMITH
Oklahoma State

be at tailback and receiver, Jones's argument against a falloff would not be questioned.

Reservations center on an all-new offensive line, linebacker, and secondary. Guards Scott Webb (270) and Brent Davis (247), center Pete Surrette (245), and tackles Terrance Jerguson (277), Joel Fry (270), and John Lindmark (267) are suspect in an area where experience is critical.

A defense that ranked 97th nationally last year has a promising interior, featuring tackles Stacey Satterwhite (255) and Brandon Colbert (260). Nose guard Ruben Oliver (250) may move to linebacker, in which event Shawn Mackey (245), a former starter, will be elevated at tackle and Colbert will move to nose guard. Devin Jones (212) returns at one end and Alvin Briscoe (210), a redshirt freshman who excites Jones, will start at the other flank. Linebackers Torrance Cummings and Sim Drain are returning starters. Cornerbacks Mike Clark and Joe King have impressive speed. If safeties Rod Smith and Lamar McGreggs regain their eligibility, concerns about the secondary will ease. Jay Fleischman will challenge McGreggs at strong safety.



TOMMIE STOWERS
Missouri

Ron Pointer was impressive at split end and tight end Tim Bruton "will be outstanding," Stull predicted. Damon Mayes, a junior-college transfer, and Charles Quint are the flankers. Of the incoming recruits who will challenge, the most highly regarded is Lindsey Collins, a JC All-America with home-run ability. Tommie Stowers led Big Eight fullbacks in rushing and was eighth among all backs (667 yards). Tailback Smiley Elmore, who started part time, fell behind Mike Jones.

The offensive line returns but two starters and only one guard, Pete Scott (285), is scheduled to start. Some of the linemen are small by Big Eight standards. Tentatively scheduled to start are tackles Don Wright

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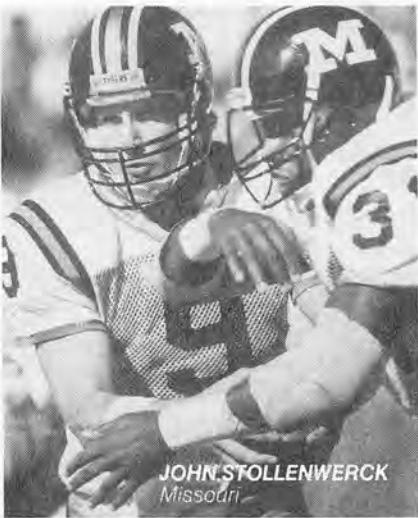
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TIM BRUTON
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ADRIAN JONES
Missouri

(237) and Andy Lock (268), center Brad Funk (261), and guard Jay Greenwood (284), who dislodged 1988 starter David Washington (277) in spring practice.

The Tigers' defense was weakened when linebacker A.J. Miller (241) was lost for the season after he sustained a knee injury in the spring game and required reconstructive surgery. The interior is experienced with tackles Lee Johnson (273) and Kevin White (263) and nose guard Chris Russell (241). Cornerback Adrian Jones shared the Big Eight lead in interceptions, Otis Smith moved to cornerback from strong safety to get more speed in an area that was weak last year, and linebacker Darren MacDonald is a returning starter. First-year starters are linebackers Jerold Fletcher, Tom Reiner, and Brian Reeves, and safeties Leon Fisher, a transfer from Illinois, and Ted LePage, a walk-on who was rewarded by Stull with a scholarship.

Jeff Jacke kicked eight of 11 field goals as a freshman last year and Jimmie Michalski is the Big Eight's No. 3 returning punter.

IOWA STATE

(5-6, 3-4) The Cyclones surprised by finishing fifth last year, when only Nebraska embarrassed them and Jim Walden's reputation as an overachieving coach was enhanced. Walden's 1989 team returns fewer starters (12) than any conference team except Nebraska, remains critically thin because of scholarship penalties included in an NCAA probation, and must depend on JC transfers. Nevertheless, Walden thinks the Cyclones will be improved and perhaps have a winning record.

The Cyclones have capable passing but will count on rookie running backs who will not enroll until August. Their defense, lighter than most, is expected to be better than a year ago, when it was no worse than fifth in any conference category.

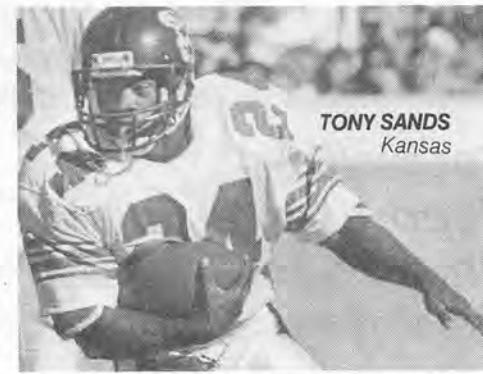
Quarterback Bret Oberg, fourth in Big Eight passing, will throw to fine receivers. Tight end Mike Busch, who spent the spring with the baseball team and led the Big Eight in hitting for most of the season, is an all-conference candidate. Steve Lester, a junior-college transfer, Tyrone Williams, and Chris Spencer, a redshirt freshman, are the ranking wide receivers. Blaise Bryant, a junior-college All-America, and Sherman Williams, an incoming freshman with 4.29 speed in the 40, are counted on to join running backs Edwin Jones, Paul Thibodeaux, and Sylvester Nickerson to improve the running attack.

The offensive line is big and experienced. Tackle Gene Williams (310), center Keith Sims (300), and guard Trent Van Hoosen (254) are returning starters. Rick Wells (252) and Dave Benoit (246) are the other projected starters.

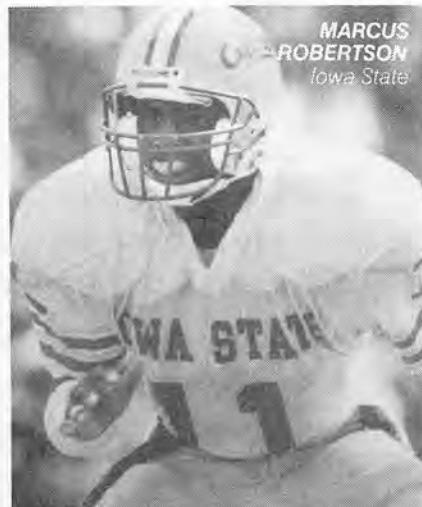
The defense returns all-conference linebacker Mike Shane, end Mark Foley (226), tackle Don Edwards (230), linebacker Robert Lendino, cornerback Marcus Robertson, and free safety Tim Baker. End Randy Bern (225) will be a seventh starter returning if his operated knee is sound. But the principal reason Walden expects the unit to be improved is linebacker Melvin Coleman, a JC All-America whose speed and tackling made him the rage of spring practice. Tackle Travis Block, strong safety Casey Martinez, and cornerback Dave Eder are projected as the other starters.



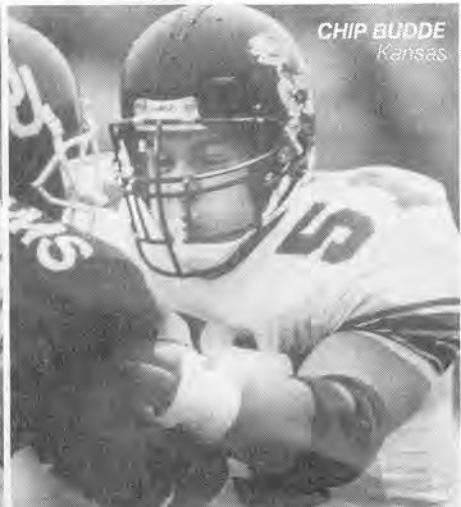
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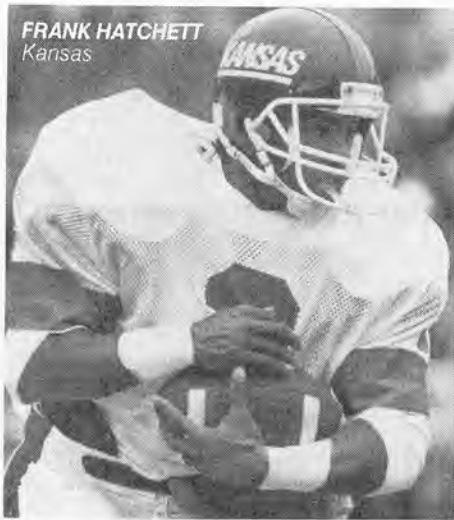


MARCUS ROBERTSON
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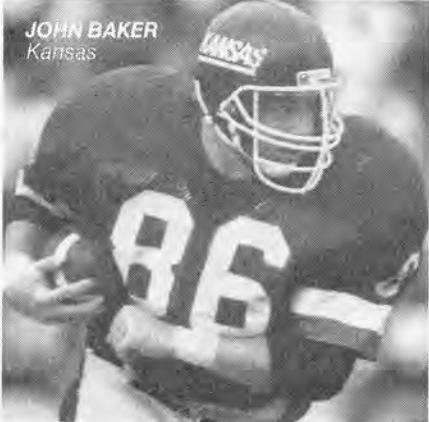


CHIP BUDDE
Kansas

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Kansas



JOHN BAKER
Kansas



season produced a measure of success with a 30-12 win over archrival Kansas State.

Mason impressed rivals and followers with his wit and by refusing to stray from his building plans. The Jayhawks, with a smaller squad than teams that lost scholarships to probation, continued to focus on fundamentals and Mason's idea of "doing things the right way." Although Mason's second squad does not appear much better, it is expected to improve, because of last year's experience and a schedule that begins with three home games the Jayhawks might win.

Kansas, whose acute shortage of numbers dates to the dropout and academic grief that occurred under the previous staff, is scheduled to start 13 sophomores. But the Jayhawks figure to be better on offense, if for no other reason than quarterback Kelly Donohoe went through the first spring practice of his career without having to learn a new offense.

Tight end John Baker is one of the few bright spots. He caught 26 passes last year to rank ninth in conference receiving. Flanker Quintin Smith ranked sixth with 30 receptions. Six other starters returning on offense are alternating tailbacks Frank Hatchett (190) and Tony Sands, tackles Chris Perez (285) and Bill Hundelt (270), guard Smith Holland (250), and center Chip Budde (255). Scheduled to become starters are flanker Jim New and fullback Maurice Hooks. Roger Robben was moved to linebacker.

The defense's best player, second-team all-conference linebacker Curtis Moore, will miss the season because of a knee injury sustained



KELLY DONOHOE
Kansas

in spring practice. The Jayhawks, almost as light as they are young on defense, will try to plug some of the leaks by inserting more size into the lineup. Tackle Gary Oatis (251), a junior-college transfer, and nose guard Mike Hall (260) and linebacker Mongo Allen (235) moved ahead of returning starters in spring practice. An incoming freshman who is expected to compete for starting duty is tackle Gilbert Brown (290), rated by recruiting services as a blue-chip schoolboy at Detroit. Holdovers scheduled to start are outside linebackers Dan Newbrough and Paul Friday, tackle Mark Koncz (260), and safeties Jason Priest and Deral Boykin.

Punter B.J. Lohsen ranked second in the Big Eight last year (41.0). Place-kicker Brad Fleeman kicked seven of nine field goals but is expected to be challenged by incoming freshman Alex Chaffetz.



GREG WASHINGTON
Kansas State

KANSAS STATE

(0-11, 0-7) Bill Snyder, a long-time assistant at Iowa, becomes the latest to take command of college football's least successful program. The Wildcats have not won a game since 1986 and have won only 18 conference games in 17 years. Snyder declined to predict improvement and attacked his task with a conservative approach. He banned outsiders from spring workouts, imposed rigid restrictions on the press, and said little except to point out "how far we have to go."

Snyder will attempt to break a 27-game winless streak with a balanced offense. The Wildcats led the Big Eight in passing last year under Stan Parrish but were last in rushing. Their downfall, though, was defense. They ranked 103rd in total defense and rushing defense and 102nd in scoring defense.

Quarterback Carl Straw, whose 53 percent completion rate was third-best in the Big Eight but who was intercepted 17 times and had only nine touchdown passes, kept his job in Snyder's system. The only showcase player is wide receiver Greg Washington, who was second in Big Eight receptions last year (69) and seventh nationally. He set most of K-State's reception records in 1988 while making second-team all-conference. Returning starters are wideouts Frank Hernandez and Eric Blades, guards Chad Faulkner (270) and Eric Zabelin (280), center Paul Ynliguez (280),



CARL STRAW
Kansas State

who was second-team all-Big Eight, and tight end Alan Friedrich.

Returning starters on defense are end Elijah Alexander (210), linebackers Lorne Whittle and James Enin-Okut, safeties Marcus Miller and Erick Harper, and cornerback William Price. Defensive tackle Bobby Lawrence (255), a 1988 starter, and offensive guard Rick Mears (265), a projected starter, quit.

David Kruger is expected to be the place-kicker and Eric Wetherington, a transfer from North Carolina, the punter.

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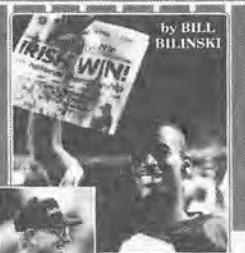
(4-7) The Hurricane begins its fourth season as an independent and its second under Dave Rader with a less oppressive schedule, an improved offense, and a chance to have its first winning record since 1986.

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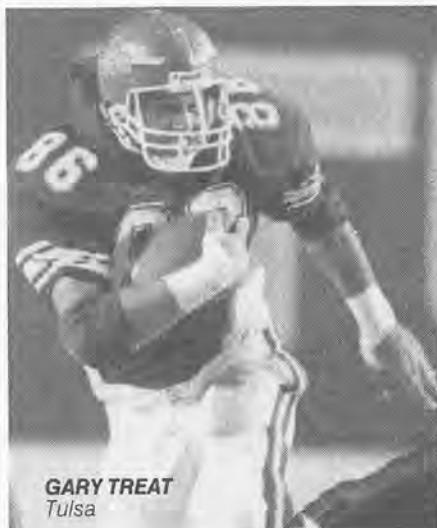
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GARY TREAT
Tulsa

Quarterback T.J. Rubley and split end Dan Bitson form a combination with first-class potential. Rubley is closing in on the school's career passing records. He has tended to be dazzling against heavyweights but flawed against lesser opponents. Bitson caught 52 passes, nine for touchdowns, last year. Tight end Gary Treat and flanker Marcus McVay are also competent receivers. Tailbacks Curtis Gooden and Mark Brus, a transfer from the University of Alberta in Canada, add quality to a running attack that was carried last year by fullback Brett Adams. Center Pat Harper and guard Wes McCalip are the only starters returning in the line.

Improvement on defense is tied to Richard Wales, moved from linebacker to end, nose guard Kirk Fridrich, linebacker Matt Luke, and cornerbacks Eric Barrs and Craig Anderson.

Place-kicker David Fuess (12 for 13 on field goals under 50 yards) and punter Danny Phelps (38.7-yard average) return.

team; he'll combine with part-time starter Jimmy Lewis. Free safety Kevin Malone returns, as do corner Bill Hunter and nickel back Lorenzo Taylor. The league's best punter, Mike Krause (40.1), also is back.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

In coach Jesse Branch's three years, the Bruins have finished sixth, third, and second in the Gateway Conference. Branch enters this season with a veteran roster. Halfbacks Tony Gilbert and Phillip Collins, who combined for 976 yards rushing and eight touchdowns, and quarterback DeAndre Smith return. Fullback Rodney McConico was the top rusher (565). An experienced line features all-star guards Mark Christensen and Chris Reed, plus tackles Brian Eddy and John Douglass and center Greg Bolda.

In an effort to field a stronger and quicker defense, Branch has switched Bill Walter from



JESSES
BENTLEY
Western
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end to tackle and Quintin Evans from tackle to end. Staying put are linemates Derrick Jackson and Jeff Kleitz. Kim Howard and transfer Mike Fox will see plenty of work. John Liston and Mark Walker compete at outside linebacker, while five players vie for the inside spots, one of which belongs to SMSU player of the year James Turnage. The secondary features three-year starters Craig Phillips, Bret Argus, and Regie Young. Barring injuries, the Bruins could wear the league crown.

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WESTERN ILLINOIS

Leatherneck fans couldn't have asked for much more than last season's Gateway championship. Western Illinois compiled a perfect (6-0) conference mark and advanced to the I-AA playoffs, where its season ended with a heartbreaking 35-32 loss to Western Michigan. But coach Bruce Craddock is confident the good times will continue to roll. "This team has many veteran leaders who know how to win and believe they can win every game."

Craddock's biggest job will be to find replacements for departed quarterback Paul Singer, running back Brett Grimshaw, and All-America guard Ron Nesbitt. The scoring will have to be picked up by a pair of three-year lettermen: wideout Steve Williams (53 receptions for 872 yards and 8 TDs) and running back Mike Cox (394 yards and team-high 9 TDs). Fullback Derek Swanson is a valuable blocker who scored seven times. Tackle Brian Rebach anchors the line.

The Leathernecks appear to be sound defensively. Linebacker Arnie Gasbarro is one of the league's best. His 130 tackles led the

INDIANA STATE

The Sycamores enjoyed their finest year in the Gateway in 1988, compiling a 4-2 conference mark, good for a second-place tie. With 13 starters returning, coach Dennis Raetz is aiming for postseason play. Indiana State was just six points from an unbeaten league record a year ago, and Raetz is looking to his veterans to carry the team to the next plateau.

The top returnees are all-Gateway receiver Steve Elmlinger and three-year quarterback John Sahm. Elmlinger set school records with 51 receptions for 1,071 yards and seven touchdowns. Sahm was 127 of 248 for 1,942 yards and 10 TDs—and 17 interceptions. All-league running back Tori Vactor (1,052 yards) will be missed, but Ray Wallace (4.8 yards per

carry) is proven. Tight end Rodney Porter (29-365) also is back.

The defense lost five starters in addition to all-star back Lavent Blaylock, who was suspended for the '89 season. Tackle Mark Ber-



tram returns for his third year as a regular. The secondary sports the most depth with returnees Troy Mickens, Don Cox, Marcus Wilson, and Walt Crutchfield. Steve Kreiger, the top prep kicker in Indiana, will challenge punter/place-kicker Rob Hufty.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

What does it take to get over the 5-6 hump that the Panthers have registered the past two years? Coach Bob Spoo addressed that question in the spring. "In the offseason we have worked hard to improve our strength and develop a more unified team concept," he said. "Those are positives we didn't have last year." The Panthers return 15 starters.

The defense is led by All-America tackle John Jurkovic (6-3, 275). The Gateway's defensive player of the year, Jurkovic had 14 tackles for loss and a team-high seven sacks. R.L. Reynolds contributed 67 tackles and two interceptions. Linebacker Jeff Mills was second-team all-league after leading the Panthers in tackles, 91 of which were solos. The secondary returns all-GC back Daryl Holcombe. He stirred things up in '88 with three sacks, three interceptions, and four blocked kicks. He was also the No. 2 kickoff-returner in the nation (28.9-yard average).

Eric Arnold returns at quarterback. Spoo is counting on him to recover the form he exhibited prior to arthroscopic knee surgery that sidelined him for the final four games. In the seven games he started, Arnold passed for 1,325 yards and tossed seven TDs. Ralph Stewart caught 37 passes for 645 yards and a league-leading nine TDs.

NORTHERN IOWA

At one time the Panthers were considered a powerhouse in the Gateway. But after last season, the fans were left scratching their heads. First, popular and successful coach Darrell Mudra resigned in May. He had taken the team to the I-AA playoffs in 1987, and with 20 returning seniors, there was talk of a Gateway dynasty. The school waited until July to name a successor to Mudra: former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce. Fan excitement was renewed, but not for long. The combination of a tough schedule, including Division I-A op-

ponents Pittsburgh and Iowa State, proved to be too much for the Panthers, who finished 5-6. They did end on a high note, however, winning four of their last six games. Bruce had seen enough, though, and resigned in December. Enter Terry Allen, a former Panther quarterback and offensive coordinator.

Allen plans to rebuild with the multiple prospect, which Mudra employed so effectively. Luckily for him he has a pair of senior quarterbacks returning in Ken Macklin and Courtney Messingham. Macklin saw more action in '88, completing 116 passes for 1,415 yards and five TDs with 11 interceptions. Darrin Eilander and Steve Hougam will compete for running back with Greg Wallace and Mike Schulte. The line returns guard David Campbell.

Allen has a few more tools to work with on defense. He has moved end Bryce Paup back to his original position at inside linebacker. James Jones had six sacks last season. Inside backer Steve Peitler also returns.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

For the second straight year the Salukis enter the season with a new head coach. Former Illinois offensive coordinator Bob Smith replaces Rick Rhoades, who resigned in January. Smith inherits a 4-7 team, but he was pleasantly surprised by the talent in the spring and eagerly awaits the fall. Nine defensive starters, including three all-conference players, return. They are inside linebackers Kevin Kelgallon and Tyrus Johnson and end Ron Kirk. Kelgallon had 155 tackles, four sacks, and two interceptions. Johnson added 93 stops while Kirk had seven sacks.

Fred Gilbert edged out Scott Gabbert for the starting quarterback job. Gilbert completed 63 passes in 105 attempts, rushed for 322 yards, and scored four TDs. Antonio Moore is one running back, but fullback is up for grabs between Ken Parks and Chuck Harmke. Three-year starter Bob Grammer anchors the line. The team's leading scorer was sophomore John Bookout (8 of 12 field goals and 23 PATs).

ILLINOIS STATE

After a 1-10 finish in 1988, second-year coach Jim Heacock has nowhere to go but up. He was forced to play 18 freshmen last year due to injuries, and the experience and depth they'll provide in '89 (there are 17 returning starters) spell improvement.

Last year's offense was led by Vic Northern, whose 873 yards accounted for 80 percent of the team's total. He was also third in receptions (23) and scored five touchdowns. Fullback George Priovolos, a converted guard, is a decent blocker. Quarterback Adrian Wilson threw for over 1,300 yards and seven scores. The line is anchored by fifth-year seniors Dan Hackman and Dave Schumer.

The Redbirds were last in the Gateway in total defense, and for good reason: injuries, lack of strength, and inexperience. One standout on the unit was all-conference nose guard Vander Harris. He'll be joined on the line by Scott Underwood and freshman Cornelius Graham. ISU's No. 2 tackler, David Smith, returns at inside linebacker. Mike Smith, the leading tackler in '87 returns after sitting out nearly all of last year with injuries. David Calhoun leads the secondary.

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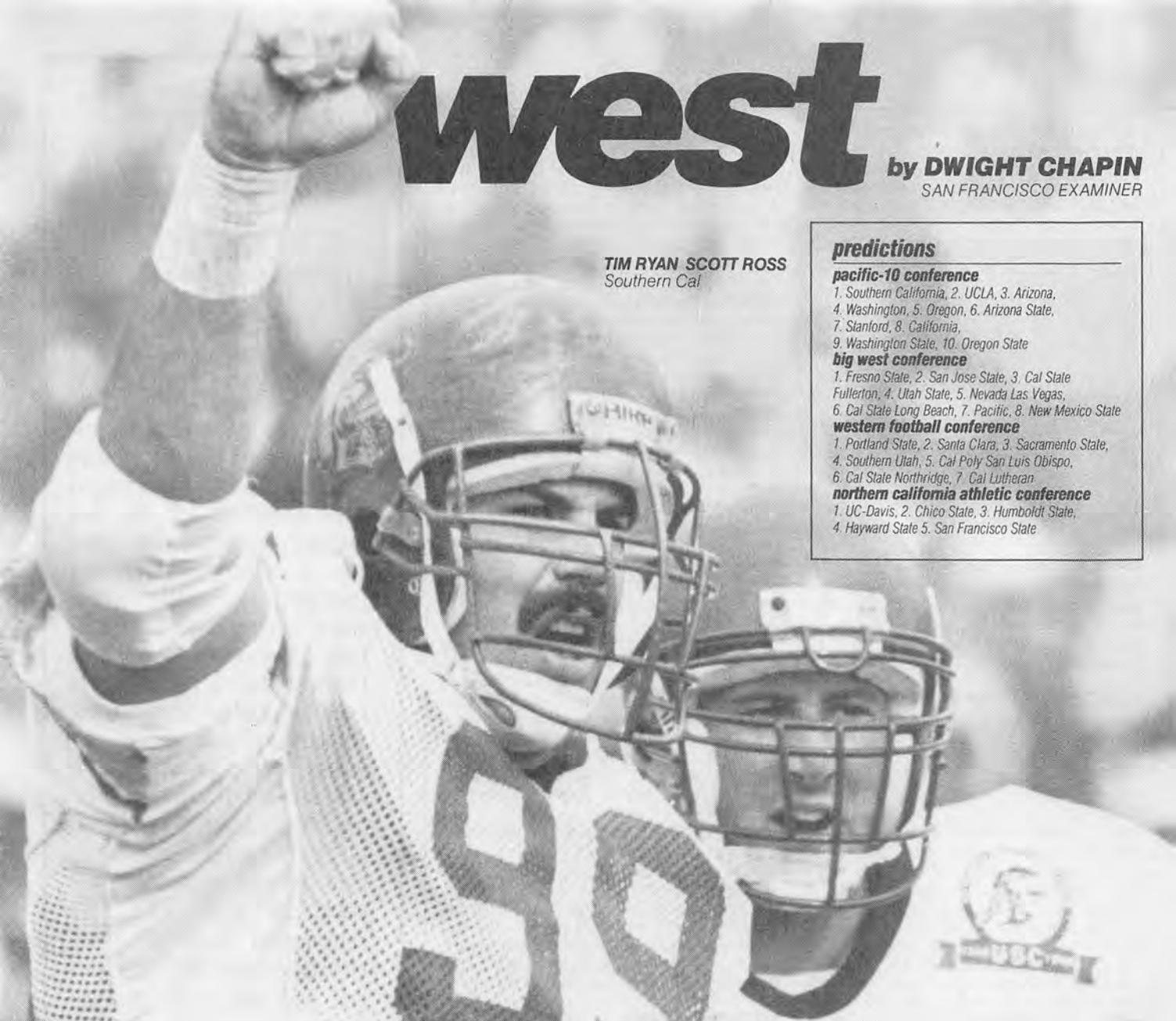
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It's the Year of the Missing Quarterback in the Pac-10. Last season the conference may have had the top two college quarterbacks in the nation in Rodney Peete of USC and Troy Aikman of UCLA. Throw in Timm Rosenbach of Washington State and it might have had the top three. Peete finished second to Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders in the Heisman Trophy voting, Aikman was third, and the fast-rising Rosenbach, who some thought was the best Pac-10 quarterback at the end of the season, was seventh.

Two of that talented threesome moved on as expected. Aikman was the No. 1 pick in the entire National Football League draft and will be hurling passes for the Dallas Cowboys this fall. Peete is now in the employ of the Detroit Lions. Rosenbach, despite one more year of college eligibility, is gone, too. When his coach, Dennis Erickson, left Washington State for considerably greener financial pastures at Miami, Rosenbach decided to leave college as well, making himself available for a fistful of dollars in the supplemental pro draft.

Those developments have put a good deal

of uncertainty into the Pac-10 race, at least for a majority of schools. USC and UCLA, not the mortal locks they were a year ago with Peete and Aikman in control, are merely overwhelming favorites now that the two have moved on. Poor Washington State, which surged to prominence through the skills of Erickson and Rosenbach, may sink back into the depths of the conference.

New, much less familiar names will be in the quarterback spotlight: underpublicized veterans Troy Taylor of California, Bill Musgrave of Oregon, Ronald Veal of Arizona, and Cary Conklin of Washington; promising Paul Justin of Arizona State; newcomers Pat O'Hara and Todd Marinovich of USC and Bret Johnson and Jimmy Bonds of UCLA. There are many more questions with Taylor, Musgrave, and Conklin, for example, than there were with Peete, Aikman, and Rosenbach. Taylor is highly rated by pro scouts but has never had an outstanding line in front of him—a situation unlikely to change this season. Musgrave is brilliant when healthy, but he hasn't been healthy very often. Conklin showed the incon-

sistency of a first-year starter during a disappointing season for the Huskies in 1988.

There is potential turbulence elsewhere, too, notably at Oregon State, where one more missing quarterback, left-hander Erik Wilhelm, may be almost as difficult to replace as the Big Three. He threw for nearly 3,000 yards on a team that has seldom had much of a running game. USC and UCLA seem good enough to win without a dominant quarterback, but the other conference schools probably are not.

The last few years, the Pac-10 has had a lot of top-to-bottom balance, but this does not appear to be one of those years. The rich, USC and UCLA, have gotten very rich, apparently at the expense of the rest of the conference. In *SuperPrep* magazine listings of the top 25 college recruits in each section of the country, the Trojans and Bruins each scored with seven apiece. And eight of the total of 14 came from areas other than the West. In contrast, the next-most successful Pac-10 schools among regional top 25s were Arizona and Arizona State, with four each, and Arizona

State was the only other conference school besides the two in Los Angeles that got anyone outside the West.

The status of Washington, which for long has at least rubbed shoulders with the two southern California big boys, is even in doubt now, coming off a subpar year with a mostly veteran team. New Stanford coach Dennis Green may have done the league's best recruiting job, considering the limited time he had, but he'll constantly have to battle his school's high academic standards as well as other recruiters, a task that has proven too daunting for most of his predecessors. So, in a conference where parity once appeared a real possibility, there now seems to be a chasm between the top two and all the rest.

Other than Green, the only new face in the Pac-10 coaching fraternity is former Weber State coach Mike Price, who faces the unpleasant assignment of trying to replace both Erickson and Rosenbach in the same season.

There have been a few changes elsewhere in Western football, too. The conference that was known as the Pacific Coast Athletic Association last year at this time is now the Big West. But while the name is different, the balance of power looks pretty much the same. It's still Fresno State, which has had the winningest program in the West (36-9-1) the last four seasons, ahead of the pack, with San Jose State, Cal State Fullerton, and Utah State in closest pursuit. Fresno State's Jim Sweeney is now 19th-ranked among the nation's active coaches in victories (143).

The Western Football Conference played some of the country's best small-college football in 1988, and it should be strong again. Until proven otherwise, Portland State, which finished second out of 116 Division II schools in both 1987 and 1988, has to be favored to be the West's best, but Santa Clara and Sacramento State also have excellent teams. The WFC is down to six teams in its championship chase. Cal Lutheran, which has had trouble competing with the conference's top teams, will be only an associate member this season, and go to Division III status in 1990.

1989 all-west team

offense

Quarterback . Troy Taylor . SR . California

Quarterback . Bill Musgrave . JR . Oregon

Running back . Steve Broussard . SR . Washington State

Running back . Jon Volpe . JR . Stanford

Running back . Johnny Johnson . SR . San Jose State

Wide receiver . Mike Farr . SR . UCLA

Wide receiver . Tim Stalworth . SR . Washington State

Tight end . Charles Arbuckle . SR . UCLA

Tackle . Fedel Underwood . SR . Arizona State

Tackle . Fil Lujan . SR . Fresno State

Guard . Mark Tucker . JR . Southern Cal

Guard . Rick Meyer . SR . UCLA

Center . Frank Cornish . SR . UCLA

Place-kicker . Alfredo Velasco . SR . UCLA

defense

Line . Tim Ryan . SR . Southern Cal

Line . Lester Archambeau . SR . Stanford

Line . Dan Owens . SR . Southern Cal

Line . Dennis Brown . SR . Washington

Linebacker . Scott Ross . JR . Southern Cal

Linebacker . Chris Singleton . SR . Arizona

Linebacker . Rob Hinckley . SR . Stanford

Linebacker . David Ortega . SR . California

Back . Chris Oldham . SR . Oregon

Back . John Hardy . SR . California

Back . Mark Carrier . JR . Southern Cal

Back . Cleveland Colter . SR . Southern Cal

Punter . Robbie Keen . JR . California

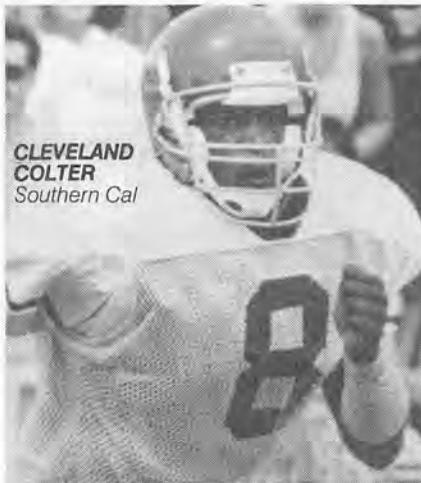
Punter . Tony Rhynes . SR . Nevada Las Vegas

pacific-10 conference

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Cardinal and Gold may well return to black-and-blue football this fall. With quarterback Rodney Peete now an ex-Trojan, it seems probable coach Larry Smith will implement the sort of ground attack that made former USC coaches John McKay and John Robinson famous: handing the ball off to tailbacks Scott Lockwood, Aaron Emanuel, and Ricky Ervins and fullback Leroy Holt, and letting them take care of most of the business. The rest of the business should be handled nicely by a defense that returns 11 of its top 12 tacklers, three of them All-Americans.

That won't leave a whole lot to do for new quarterback Pat O'Hara, a strong-armed junior who served as Peete's backup last season, then came out ahead in competition with gifted redshirt freshman Todd Marinovich in the spring. But the Trojans' other strengths should give O'Hara plenty of time to learn his position. Lockwood, who rushed for 527 yards in 1988, is currently listed ahead of Emanuel, who gained 545, because Emanuel was overweight in spring ball. But both should play plenty, supported by Ervins (410 yards) and, if need be, redshirt freshmen Mazio Royster and Jason Simpson, son of O.J. Then there's



all-Pac-10 performer Holt, who had 540 yards rushing, the most by a USC fullback since Marcus Allen.

The receiving corps is minus Eric Affholter but has second-leading pass catcher John Jackson (48 receptions), along with lightning-quick junior Gary Wellman and sure-handed senior Marlon Washington. All-Pac-10 Scott Galbraith (6-3, 240) returns at tight end.

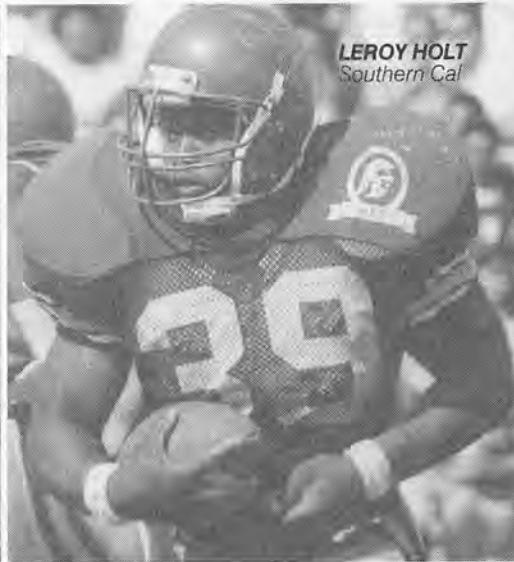
The only missing man in the offensive line is tackle John Guerrero, who probably will be replaced by sophomore Michael Moody (6-7, 295) or converted defensive tackle Pat Harlow (6-7, 260). Back are all-Pac-10 and All-America guard candidate Mark Tucker, a junior, and three seniors: center Brad Leggett, guard Dan Barnes, and tackle Brent Parkinson, who missed spring practice because of academic ineligibility. Smith thinks Tucker has Outland Trophy potential.

The defense is what most people will be talking about this season, however. The only starter not returning is cornerback Chris Hale, the team's interception leader. Together for the third straight year up front are All-America, Outland Trophy, and Lombardi Award candidate Tim Ryan, all-Pac-10 Dan Owens, and junior nose guard Don Gibson. They have 668 career tackles among them.

All-America candidate Scott Ross, the team's leading tackler, and steady senior Delmar Chesley will team at inside linebacker, with Craig Hartsuyker, who's recovering from a stress fracture in his foot, and Michael Williams outside. But Hartsuyker and Williams may have to fight to hold their jobs against the likes of Cordell Sweeney and Junior Seau.

The safeties, senior Cleveland Colter and junior Mark Carrier, are both All-Americans. There has been concern about Colter, who missed the last four games in 1988 after surgery to repair a damaged knee, but he looked fit going into fall drills. Carrier, whom Smith calls "the rock of our secondary," had 114 tackles last season, Colter 81. Joining them will be cornerback Ernest Spears and likely either Dwayne Garner or sophomore Marvin Pollard, in place of Hale.

The kicking could be a little soft. Quin Rodriguez hit 14 of 20 field-goal attempts and 34 of 38 PATs, but Smith says he needs to develop



a stronger leg. And four-year punter Chris Sperle has departed. His likely replacement is sophomore Ron Dale.

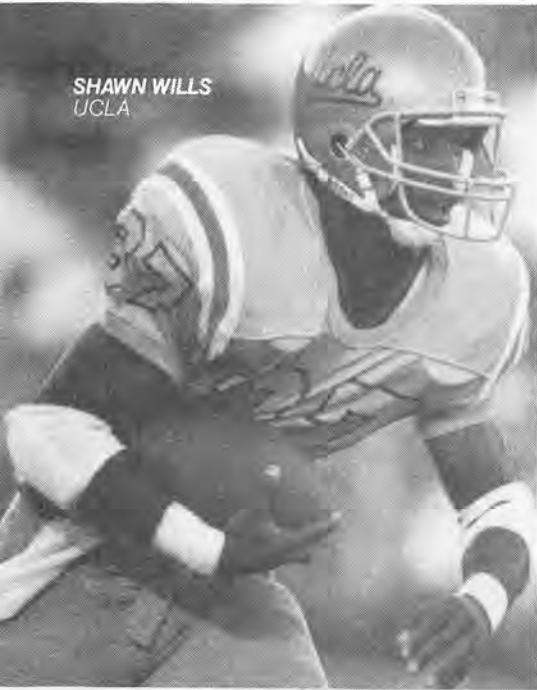
There's no reason, though, that this team can't be better than the 1988 club which went 10-2 (8-0 in the Pac-10), the Trojans' most victories since 1979. It's hard to envision many better teams in the nation, in fact.

UCLA

The Bruins lost a showdown with USC and were denied a Rose Bowl berth, but they still won a record seventh straight bowl game, downing Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl, 17-3. There's no reason to think they won't be in step for eight in a row. Going in, the only question seems to be if they can knock off the Trojans this time and make it back to Pasadena New Year's Day.

Like USC's Larry Smith, the Bruins' Terry Donahue is looking for a stable new quarterback, but he has a terrific team returning. It seems that Donahue may have lost a little more than Smith, however, including not only quarterback Troy Aikman but All-America cornerback Darryl Henley, All-America outside linebacker Carnell Lake, leading tackler Chance Johnson, leading interceptor Marcus Turner, and leading rusher Eric Ball.

SHAWN WILLS
UCLA



But the Bruin lair is hardly bare. Headed into fall drills, redshirt freshman Bret Johnson and sophomore Jimmy Bonds were still too close for a starting call at quarterback, but there wasn't much doubt about the rest of the offense. The top three tailbacks, junior Brian Brown (410 yards rushing despite missing five games with a pulled hamstring), sophomore Shawn Wills (622 yards), and redshirt freshman Kevin Williams all have enormous potential, and the fullbacks are veterans: Mark Estwick, Maury Toy, and Kevin Smith. The wide receivers, young last season, now are tested, too. Senior flanker Mike Farr caught 66 passes, 18 more than the previous school record. Reggie Moore established himself as a big-game performer, and David Keating is a valuable No. 3. Then there's tight end, where

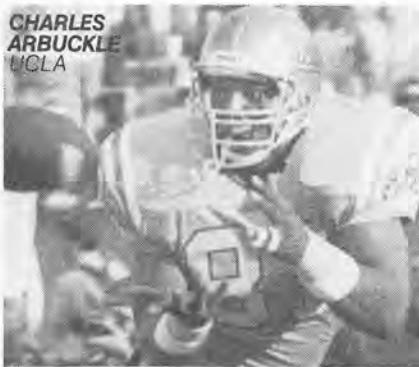
All-America Charles Arbuckle (6-2, 238), who missed almost five full games with a bad knee in '88, is ably backed by Corwin Anthony and Randy Austin.

Senior Frank Cornish (6-4, 275), a leading candidate for the Lombardi Award and the Outland Trophy, anchors the line at center, with senior Rick Meyer, who could contend for national honors, too, and junior Lance Zeno at guard and seniors Bill Paige and Keith Jacobson, a top reserve last season, at tackle, where Donahue is concerned about depth.

Defensively, All-America candidate Mike Lodish (6-3, 260) and Bryan Wilcox (6-7, 268) return as the starting tackles, but nose guard is less settled. The leading hopeful there was senior Jon Pryor, a reserve tackle last season. There is talent, but not much experience, at linebacker, where senior Craig Davis is the only returning starter. He figures to work inside with Stacy Argo, while Marvucus Patton and junior Rocen Keeton are outside.

The secondary is young but very promising. Junior Eric Turner, an honors candidate who was third on the squad and first among defensive backs in tackles a year ago, and sophomore Matt Darby, who started every game, will be the No. 1 safeties. Randy Beverly and soph Dion Lambert, another future standout,

CHARLES ARBUCKLE
UCLA



MIKE FARR
UCLA



will operate at the corners. But redshirts Damon Lyons and Al Jordan and a quartet of touted freshmen, recruited from all over the country, might contend.

All-America candidate Alfredo Velasco, who connected on 17 of 19 field-goal tries and all 43 of his PATs, is another in a long line of brilliant Bruin place-kickers. Kirk Maggio, who has been the team's short punter, figures to take over full-time punting duties capably from Harold Barkate.

"We lost some very special performers from last year's team," said Donahue, "but I look forward to the 1989 season with a great deal of optimism." Given what he has left off a 10-2 team that was nationally ranked for much of the season, he has reason.

ARIZONA

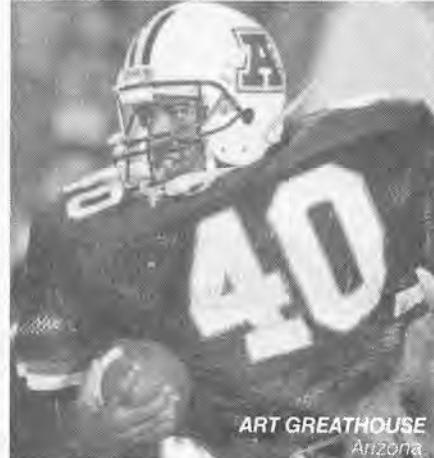
Surprise! In the last five seasons, this has been the Pac-10's most consistent team behind USC and UCLA and just ahead of Washington. And since Dick Tomey's defense, which featured six sophomores in 1988, can only get better, the pattern figures to continue. The Wildcats were 7-4 last season, 5-3 and tied for third in the conference, and apart from leading receiver Derek Hill, center Joe Tofflemire, and star defenders Dana Wells and Brad Henke, the ingredients are pretty much the same.

Tomey has brought in new offensive coordinator Rip Scherer to improve an anemic passing game and put some zip overall into an offense that has been last in the Pac-10 two years in a row. That should help two-year starting quarterback Ronald Veal, who has impressed much more with his legs than with his arm so far. The 'Cats other legs—belonging to running backs Art Greathouse, a second-team all-Pac-10 selection, David Eldridge (600 yards rushing), Reggie McGill, and fullback Mario Hampton—already are among the best in the league. And Arizona signed Parade All-America prep Michael Bates.

With Hill gone to the pros, the receiving corps will be built around senior lettermen Kip Lewis and Melvin Smith, sophomore Kyle Jan, and redshirt freshman Heath Bray. Impressive junior Rob Flory is doubtful in the offensive line because of back surgery, but John Brandom (6-4, 280) returns at one guard and huge Glenn Parker (6-6, 294) could rate all-conference consideration at tackle. Sophomore Paul Tofflemire may replace brother Joe at center, with junior Doug Prichard possible at the other guard and either letterman David Roney or converted defensive lineman Ty Parten at the other tackle. Redshirt freshman Richard Griffith is the leading candidate at tight end.

Doug Pfaff and Gary Coston will vie for the place-kicking job, with Pfaff or John Nies handling the punting.

The defensive leaders are the senior linebacking twins, Chris and Kevin Singleton. Each had 116 tackles and Chris was a first-team all-league choice while Kevin was honorable mention. Darren Case will work with



ART GREATHOUSE
Arizona

Kevin inside; Zeno Alexander will team with Chris outside. Wells and Henke will be tough to replace up front. Pete Russell and Paul Glonek, a transfer from Iowa, are the main contenders at Wells's nose-guard spot; Reggie Gaddis, a 1987 starter who was not in school last year, and Reggie Johnson and Ken Hakes, who shared time last season, look to be ahead at the tackles.

The only loss in the secondary is at strong safety, where James DeBow graduated. Lettermen Chris Wright and Scott Geyer are bidding to replace him. Otherwise, it's business as usual: Darryl Lewis, who switched from running back last season, did well, and Todd Burden at the corners, rock-ribbed junior Jeff Hammerschmidt at free safety.

The 'Cats have momentum from three straight wins (Washington, Oregon, and Arizona State) at the end of last season, and if the offensive line—which concerns Tomey a bit—matures quickly, the refined offense figures to do a good deal more damage. The official name for the new set is "triple option-multiple," but as Tomey says, "It doesn't need a name. It just needs to be executed."

WASHINGTON

Publicly, Don James said he liked the effort of his 1988 Husky squad, which lost five games by a total of 15 points and missed a bowl game for the first time in a decade. Privately, he was not pleased with his team even a little bit, and he brought in former Idaho head coach Keith Gilbertson, whose teams filled the air with footballs, to tutor the offensive line. "We have to be more efficient with the pass," James said, "and try to become more of a big-play offense."

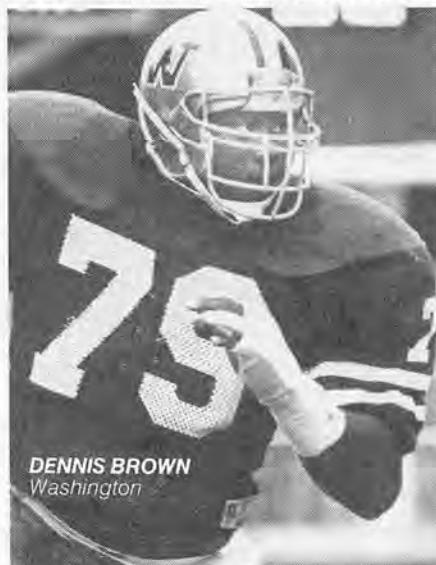
RON VEAL
Arizona

The Huskies were a so-so 6-5 overall in '88, but just 3-5 and, most uncharacteristically, sixth in the Pac-10. If talented senior quarterback Cary Conklin develops some needed consistency, though, the guess is James's team will rebound, despite heavy offensive losses. Leading rushers Aaron Jenkins and Vince Weathersby and leading receiver Brian Slater have departed. That leaves Greg Lewis (154 yards) and James Compton and speedy redshirt freshman Eugene Harris as the top backs; Andre Riley, coming off knee surgery, and sophomores Mario Bailey and Orlando McKay in the spotlight at wide receiver.

There is some stability at tight end with sophomore Aaron Pierce, Bill Ames (6-5, 245), who's recovering from a severe injury, and Mark Kilpack (6-5, 235). And fifth-year senior Bern Brostek (6-3, 275) is one of the Pac-10's premier centers. Dean Kirkland (6-3, 277) and Jeff Pahukoa (6-3, 266) are the probable guards, with soph Siupeli Malamala (6-6, 290) and Adam Cooney (6-6, 277) at tackle, although converted defensive linemen Lincoln Kennedy (6-7, 309) might contend.

The defense, an unheard-of last against the rush in 1988, should be better. Senior tackle Dennis (Big Dawg) Brown (6-4, 300) missed most of the last three games with a knee injury, but he looks healthy now and could contend for All-America honors and the Outland Trophy. Working with him will be senior middle guard Art Hunter and either Travis Richardson or Jeff Kohlwes at the other tackle. Tackle leader Ricky Andrews is gone at inside linebacker, but sophomore James Clifford should fill in well for him, opposite small (6-2, 205) but tough Chico Fraley, with returning starters Martin Harrison and Brett Collins or Greg Travis, back after a knee injury, outside.

Senior cornerback Le-Io Lang has emerged as one of the conference's best defenders. Ivory Randle or William Doctor will start opposite him. The safeties will be Eugene Burkhalter, a hard hitter who could become one of



DENNIS BROWN

Washington

OREGON

The Ducks have developed a distressing habit. They start the season flying high, soar into the national rankings, and then, after a key injury or two, disappear without a quack. In 1988, they opened 6-1, but after quarterback Bill Musgrave and linebacker Mark Kearns were hurt against Arizona State, they lost five straight. Going into 1989, it's not a question of how the Ducks will start—which should again be very well—but how they'll finish.

Musgrave is the key. If the 6-3 junior, who threw just four interceptions in 121 passes before suffering a broken collarbone, can stay healthy, the Ducks could be a Rose Bowl contender. There's plenty of first-line offensive talent around him—every '88 starter except split end Sam Archer, in fact. And six starters return on defense, topped by all-conference cornerback Chris Oldham.

The durable and highly underrated Derek Loville, who has led the team in rushing three straight seasons and finished with 1,202 yards last year, and Latin Berry will open in the backfield with Musgrave. Joe Reitzug is probable at one wide receiver, opposite Terry Obee, who caught 33 passes and also starred as a punt returner. Joe Meerten (6-4, 245) returns at tight end. The veteran line has Todd Kunzman (6-4, 285) and Curt Dykes (6-4, 270) at tackle, Chris Husko and Andy Sunia at guard, and Scot Boatright at center.

The Ducks' defense ranked behind only USC and UCLA in the Pac-10 last season, but Rich Brooks has to replace all-stars Matt Brock, Scott Kozak, and Thom Kaumeyer. The only player returning from the three-man starting front is David Cusano (6-2, 255), who had a strong season at nose tackle and is an honors candidate. Sophomore Matt LaBounty and Andre Williams, both of whom saw only limited action, are likely to open with him. Mark



CARY CONKLIN
Washington

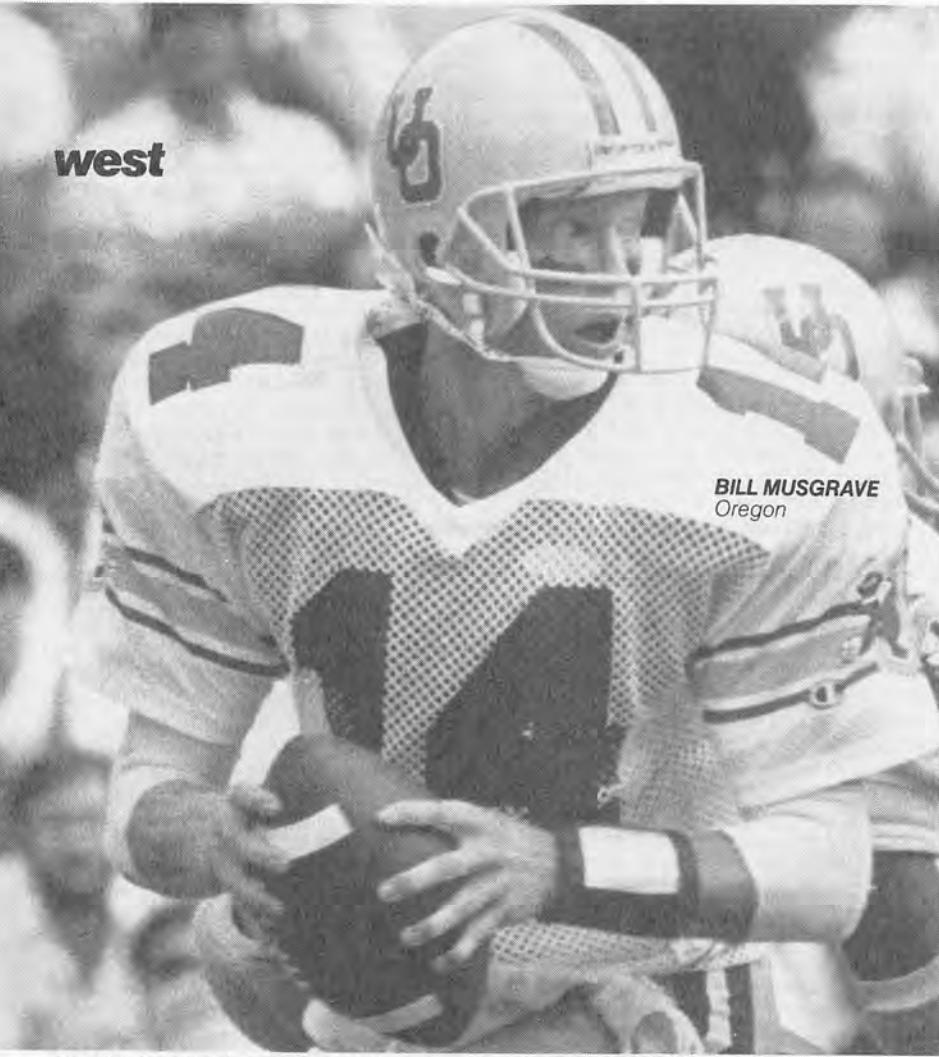
the nation's best, and Eric Briscoe, backed by Dana Hall and Mike Allman.

After a turbulent year in the kicking game in 1987, things settled down. Place-kicker John McCallum hit 10 of 15 field-goal tries and all 30 PATs, and punter Eric Canton, did better than his 34.2-yard average indicated.

Kearns, if he's recovered from a knee injury, and fast-developing junior Peter Brantley will be at linebacker, along with Bjarne Jensen and sophomore James Bautista, who was in for just 97 plays last season.

Depth should be no problem in the secondary. Oldham and Brett Young, who combined

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BILL MUSGRAVE
Oregon

for nine interceptions, return at the corners, with Derek Horton at one safety and Rory Dairy, a backup in '88, at the other. Fifth back Mark Winn also returns.

Record-setting place-kicker Kirk Dennis is gone, but walk-on Gregg McCallum appears to be just as accurate. Marc Penso is the leading contender for the punting job, ahead of Ben Rough and Liam Hayes.

Oregon had a well-balanced attack last season, running for more yards than it had in any year since 1980, but its passing production fell off dramatically after Musgrave was sidelined. New offensive coordinator Mike Bellotti plans a few refinements, but mostly he'd settle for the same starting lineup in 11 straight games.

ARIZONA STATE

Second-year head coach Larry Marmie is still building a team, but at least he won't have to go very far to do it. The Sun Devils play eight of their 11 games at home in Tempe, including the first four, all against non-conference opponents. And by the end of that run, Marmie should know if he has enough talent and depth in his lines to be more than a Pac-10 also ran. And whether Paul Justin is the sort of quarterback to emerge at the top of a diluted conference class.

Justin, a 6-5, 196-pound junior, became a starter in the seventh game last season, and completed 56 percent of his passes while

PAUL JUSTIN
Arizona State



throwing for 1,063 yards. "He'll only get better and better," Marmie predicted. Leading rusher Bruce Perkins (446 yards) returns at tailback, as does five-game starter Kelvin Fisher (327 yards) at fullback. The Sun Devils look quick and deep at wide receiver, with seniors Leland Adams (22 catches for 420 yards) and Lynn James, both track sprinters, and senior Ron Fair, a medical redshirt who suffered two separated shoulders in 1988.

The main offensive question for a team that was 6-5 overall, 3-4 and in fifth place in the

Pac-10, centers around the line, where only seniors Fedel Underwood (6-4, 307) and Eddie Grant have much experience. Underwood will move from tackle to guard; Grant should be at center, where he started one game. The other interior starters may be redshirts Mike Ritter (6-7, 309) and Mark Hayes (6-7, 284) at tackles and guard Jeff White (6-3, 265). Ryan "The Touchdown Man" McReynolds, who caught a team-high 28 passes for 271 yards and five TDs, is back at tight end.

Marmie figures his defensive front, a weakness in '88, will be stronger and deeper, if still young. The big man is sophomore tackle Shane Collins (6-4, 272), honorable mention all-Pac-10 as a rookie. He missed spring practice because he was throwing the shot for the Sun Devil track team. His likely running mates up front are redshirt sophomores Tim Landers, Bryan Hooks, or Israel Stanley at ends, and Don Chuhlantseff, Richard Davis, or transfer Pat Mason at nose guard.

NATHAN LaDUKE
Arizona State



Second-team all-conference pick Mark Tingstad, who led the Pac-10 with 172 tackles, and Drew Metcalf will be the inside linebackers, with Terence Johnson or sophomore Darren Woodson at devil back and Floyd Fields at strong safety—positions that serve as outside linebackers in the ASU defensive scheme. The secondary is filled with excellent athletes, led by junior free safety Nathan LaDuke, honorable mention all-Pac-10 last season when he had 98 tackles, 67 of them solos. The corners should be Lawrence Hubley, who

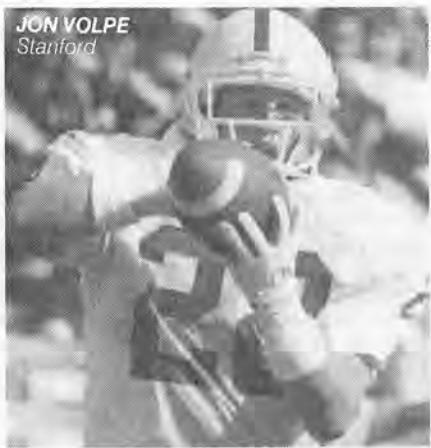
missed the final three games with strained knee ligaments, and Eddie Stokes, who started all 11 games. Eric Crawford, recovered from a shoulder injury, is a capable backup.

For the first time in four years, the Sun Devils are looking for a punter, since three-time all-conference choice Mike Schuh graduated. Steve Rausch will get first call, and may also challenge place-kicker Alan Zendejas.

STANFORD

The Cardinal cashiered Jack Elway after a season of disenchantment that ended in a 3-6-2 record and a ninth-place finish in the Pac-10, and has turned things over to energetic, 39-year-old Dennis Green to try to put things back in the black. Green, the former Northwestern coach who most recently tutored the San Francisco 49ers receivers, might make a major impact quickly because he seemingly has a much better team than the lackluster won-loss ledger would indicate.

JON VOLPE
Stanford



Green will scrap the run-and-shoot, one-back offense that was so dismal for Elway and return to a basic pro set, with 6-foot-4 freshman Steve Smith a surprise No. 1 at quarterback and junior Charlie Young moving in from wingback to line up alongside junior Jon Volpe, who rushed for 1,027 yards in '88 but was thoroughly hammered in the process. Young will be less a part of the passing flow (he had 43 catches for 560 yards last season), but as usual the Cardinal has a plethora of receivers, including sure-handed Chris Walsh (41 receptions for 280 yards), flier Walter Batson (26 for 408), and highly regarded tight end Jim Price (13 for 126). Also returning is 6-6, 220-pound wide receiver Ed McCaffrey, redshirted last year because of a deep thigh bruise. He caught 30 passes for 533 yards in 1987.

If a true No. 1 quarterback emerges and the two-back alignment clicks, Green still may have to fret over his offensive line, which will be minus five of its top seven players, including second-team All-America center Andy Sinclair, a 49er draftee. There are two veteran guards, seniors Andy Papathanassiou (6-4, 265), who's made 34 straight starts, and Chuck Gillingham (6-4, 265), but finding replacements at the other three spots could be difficult. Sophomore John Carpenter (6-5, 265) and Mike Kohlmoos (6-6, 260) might move in at the tackles, but don't be surprised if talented freshmen challenge. Consensus prep All-America Bob Whitfield (6-7, 280), rated by some the best high school prospect in the West, and two other big frosh—Brian Cas-

sidy and Steve Hoyem—could well get the call. The center likely will be either Dan Nash or freshman Chris Dalman.

New defensive coordinator Fred Von Appen should have fewer initial concerns, since eight starters return, including tackles Lester Archambeau and Scott Palmbush, inside linebacker Jono Tunney (who had a team-leading 155 tackles), outside linebackers Bruce Lang and Rob Hinckley, cornerbacks Alan Grant and Kevin Scott, and strong safety Rob Englehardt. The stars are Hinckley, a second-team *Sporting News* All-America who had 108 tackles, 13 sacks, and nine tackles for loss, and Archambeau, an honorable mention All-American. The other top candidates to start are Mark Hanson (6-4, 245) or Buck Roggeman (6-0, 250) at nose guard, Eric Pierce (6-2, 230) or Tony Miccichi at inside linebacker and Tony Trouset at free safety.

John Hopkins, who doubled as the Cardinal punter in '88, set a school record with 19 field goals in 24 attempts, including his last 12.

CALIFORNIA

Bruce Snyder is giving the Golden Bears the sort of stability they've long been looking for. When he was hired from the Los Angeles Rams' staff in 1986, he inherited a team that had gone 2-9. In two seasons he has improved that to 3-6-2 and 5-5-1. Last year's team lost three seemingly assured wins in the last 20 seconds, making a last-place conference finish deceiving. All of that said, further progress may be tough for Snyder and the Bears to achieve in 1989, because of uncertainty in both lines and at running back.

Cal's quarterback, 6-4 senior Troy Taylor, could well be the best remaining signal caller in the conference, a guy who is already coveted by the pros after throwing for 2,416 yards and setting a school record for total offense. Taylor will have to be on the move much more than he'd like this season, however, because his offensive line will be so green. Missing are tackle Dave Zawatson, tight end Darryl Ingram, and two other starters. The new lineup, which has much to prove, may include two returnees, guard Tony Smith (6-3, 280) and tackle Troy Auzenne (6-7, 255), along with tackle Ernie Rogers (6-5, 270), back after breaking a bone in his foot; guard Chris Westerman (6-3, 270), center Steve Gordon (6-4, 270), and tight end Steve Stafford (6-5, 225).

The running game might not prove to be much help to Taylor either, considering that starters Chris Richards and Todd Powers are gone. Four sophomores who combined for fewer than 100 carries probably will get the first look, with Tim Jenkins (5-10, 190) and Bob Schellenberg (6-3, 225) favored to start. But that could change quickly if brilliant prep Russell White, who rushed for an all-time California high 5,998 yards at Crespi of Van Nuys, is eligible and ready.

One thing Taylor won't lack is receivers. That is, if Mike Ford (6-2, 210, with 4.5 speed), Junior Tagaloa, Michael Smith, and Brian Treggs can play up to their potential.

The Bear defensive line is minus three rocks—Joe Nelms, Natu Tuatagaloa, and Majett Whiteside—but has one left in 6-3, 250-pound senior Joel Dickson, who missed the final seven games in 1988 after being wounded in an on-campus shooting. Sophomores Al Casner and Ferric Collons will vie to play opposite him at tackle, with John Belli (6-2, 260)

or Mack Travis likely at nose guard. Several junior-college players may be in the picture here. All-America candidate David "The Shark" Ortega (6-2, 230) will be paired with either Bruce Vidmar or Castle Redmond inside, and starters DeWayne Odom and Dan Slevin return outside.

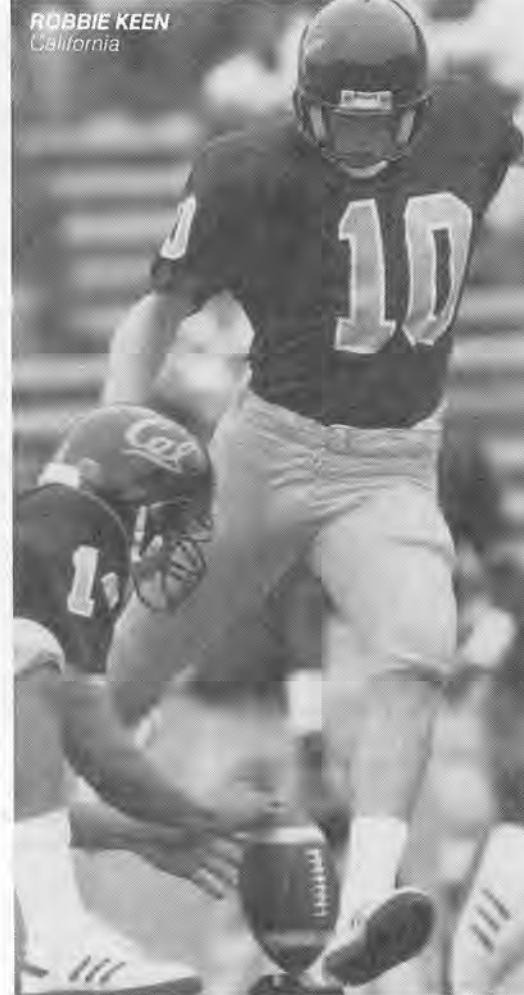
Seniors John Hardy, second-team all-Pac-10, and Travis Oliver may be the best one-on-one coverage corners in the West. Although the safety spots are not settled, Ron English, Darrin Greer, David Wilson, and Dwayne Jones should play well there.

Double-duty Robbie Keen (21 of 25 field goals, 42.6-yard punting average) could well be an All-America kicker.

WASHINGTON STATE

Even if they can replace a coach and a quarterback—a large if—the Cougars still have to worry about replacing four-fifths of a very good interior offensive line and seven of 11

ROBBIE KEEN
California



defensive starters off a surprising 9-3 team that upset No. 1-ranked UCLA and won the Aloha Bowl. It's probably too much of a challenge for former Weber State coach Mike Price, who replaces Dennis Erickson.

Price does have one big thing going for him: the same high-octane offense Erickson employed—an offense that produced a WSU record 5,899 yards (second-most ever in the Pac-10) last season. At the controls will be junior quarterback Brad Gossen (6-2, 205), Timm Rosenbach's backup in 1988. He has

plenty of help at the skill positions, including second-team All-America running back Steve Broussard (ninth nationally in rushing with 1,280 yards) and his backup, junior Rich Swinton (1,018 yards rushing), and second-team all-Pac-10 wide receiver Tim Stallworth, who caught 63 passes for 1,151 yards. Not to mention tight end Doug Wellsandt (26 for 375) and kicker Jason Hanson, a *Sporting News* freshman All-America who hit 15 of 21 field-goal attempts and 46 of 47 PATs in scoring a school-record 91 points.

But pro draftees Mike Utley and Chris Dyko



RICH SWINTON
Washington State

are gone from that tough '88 offensive line, along with Jim Michalcuk and Ken Kuiper. The only returnee is senior Paul Wulff (6-4, 270), a part-time starter at center. He should be joined by '88 backups John Husby (6-4, 258) and Matt Simonet (6-4, 282) at tackles, and Steve Cromer (6-4, 273) and Bob Garman (6-5, 255) at guards. They'll have to open the holes for Pac-10 rushing champ Broussard and give Gossen time to find Stallworth and the other members of what looks to be an inexperienced receiving unit, minus William Pellum, Victor Wood, Michael Wimberly, and Elmer Thomas.

The defensive line should be in very good shape with seniors Tony Savage (6-4, 285), whom the Cougars believe has Outland Trophy potential, Randy Gray (6-6, 270), and Mark Ledbetter returning. Jeron Woodley may replace the departed Ivan Cook at one end.

Only part-time starter Dan Grayson returns to the linebacking corps, however, and all four starters are missing from the secondary. Sophomore Lewis Bush (6-2, 203) should be

at one outside linebacker spot; redshirt Phil Garabedian and fall transfer Anthony Davis might figure at the other. Juniors Roosevelt Noble, who had six starts, and Ron Ricard are likely to take over for Shawn Landrum and Vernon Todd at cornerback, with John Diggs and Chris Moton or Jay Langueen for Artie Holmes and Ron Lee at the safeties.

The punter again will be Rob Myers (37.9-yard average), in his fourth season in the job. There are some impressive individuals in the Cougar collection, but probably not enough depth to sustain the startling success of 1988.



TIM STALLWORTH
Washington State

OREGON STATE

It's no longer a case of just writing down the Beavers for an automatic last place in the Pac-10. Dave Kragthorpe's team was 2-5-1 and in eighth place in the conference in 1988 and a competitive 4-6-1 overall. And the program in general looks in much healthier shape than it was when Kragthorpe took over five years ago. But severe losses at the skill positions could push the Beavers back into the cellar.

Gone are quarterback Erik Wilhelm, who seemingly was a starter forever; wide receivers Robb Thomas and Bryant Hill; and the top two tailbacks, Brian Taylor and Trey Nicholson. That leaves honors candidate Pat Chaffey, who rushed for 475 yards and caught 45 passes for 540 more as just about the only experienced offensive threat. He'll work at fullback, with Nick Schichtle (Wilhelm's backup), Matt Booher, or Ed Browning at quarterback and redshirt Percy Moorman or transfer Jerrell Waddell at tailback. Reserves Jason Kent (21 catches for 294 yards), Reggie Hubbard, and

Lloyd Bailey move up at wide receiver, but much of the pass-catching load will fall on senior tight end Phil Ross, whose receptions fell from 56 in 1987 to 30 last season. Ross needs 33 catches to break Reggie Bynum's school career record. Mike Bailey (6-5, 269) and Pete Steffen (6-2, 284) lead what Kragthorpe thinks may be his best line. They'll likely be joined by center Rob Jack, Matt Irvin, and Derek Nelsons (6-3, 269).

The defense starts with senior end Pellom McDaniels (6-3, 260), a fine pass rusher who was second-team all-Pac-10. He gained 20 pounds after medication corrected a thyroid problem. Esera Tuaoalo (6-3, 270) is a returning starter at nose guard. Mike Maggiore or Brent Mann should fill the other line spot. Scott and Bruce Sanders again should be at outside linebackers, with Todd Sahlfeld or Eric Davis in the middle. Calvin Nicholson and Andre Harris have departed the Beaver secondary, but cornerback Billy Hughey and strong safety Larry Vladic return. The other starters will be drawn from a group that includes two redshirts, Zechariah Davis and Chief Cooper, and a trio of transfers, Spencer Fields, Scott Thompson, and Torey Overstreet.

Place-kicker Troy Bussanich, honorable mention all-Pac-10, and solid punter Mark Bennett, return for their senior seasons.

Kragthorpe finally is getting the numbers teams need to compete in the Pac-10. He was able to redshirt all of his freshman class last year, for example. "We have more good football players than we've had here before," he said. "We have better speed overall and more competition for starting positions. And we have a new attitude."

Any real progress in the won-loss record may be harder to achieve, though, given the offensive inexperience.



PELLOM
McDaniels
Oregon State



SCOTT SANDE
Oregon State

big west conference

FRESNO STATE

It's just not smart picking against Jim Sweeney in the Big West. The thought last year was that his Bulldogs might be a year away from leading the league again. So all they did was go 7-0 in the conference, finish 10-2 overall, and win an unprecedented third California Bowl. Sweeney's team was No. 4 in scoring defense and No. 9 in total defense in the nation, as well as No. 16 in scoring offense and No. 17 in total offense. So no matter how much the rest of the Big West is improved—and it does look improved—Fresno State should finish on top again.

Sophomore quarterback Mark Barsotti, who threw for 1,795 yards and was one of only two frosh to lead his team to a bowl, will again direct the Bulldog attack, working with leading rusher Myron Jones (746 yards), second-leading receiver Dwight Pickens (29 receptions, 17.1-yard per-catch average, plus 114 yards rushing), and three all-Big West honorable mention linemen: tackle Fil Lujan (6-6, 280), guard Paul Vial (6-3, 265), and center Jim Rademann (6-2, 260).

Transfer Aaron Craver, who has 4.4 speed, or redshirts Sylvester Brumfield or Victor DeVaughn should replace Kelly Skipper at the other running back, with Stephen Shelly in place of Andre Alexander as the other wide receiver. Backup Rich Bartlewski figures to replace tight end Craig Jones, with Jeff Skidmore (6-5, 285) or Joe Ferguson at a guard and Mike Foust or Jesse Hardwick at a tackle.

Sweeney thinks his defensive line could be a strong unit. Junior end Nick Ruggeroli, whom he calls "the most underrated defensive lineman in our conference" and nose



MARK BARSOTTI
Fresno State

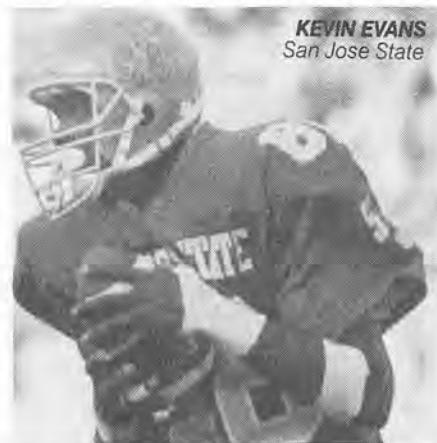
although they could be pushed by heralded transfer Naim Shah.

Brad Seagle will contest Lance Oberparleiter for the punting assignment, but there's no argument at place-kicker. Steve Loop had an outstanding junior season, hitting 18 of 27 field-goal attempts and 47 of 48 PATs, and making second-team all-conference.

SAN JOSE STATE

If he could, Johnny Johnson wouldn't mind doing everything for the Spartans this season. In 1988, as a junior, he rushed for 1,219 yards, caught 61 passes, and was the only NCAA Division I player to rank in the top 20 in rushing, receiving, scoring, and all-purpose running. He also averaged 11.2 points a game as a basketball starter.

Johnson, obviously, is the key to a Spartan team that should be much better than its '88 record (4-8 overall, 4-3 and tied for third in the Big West). But there are others, notably two-time all-conference free safety Ryan Rasnick, and Big West second-teamers George Muraoka at defensive tackle and Dave Moss at inside linebacker. The questions for Claude



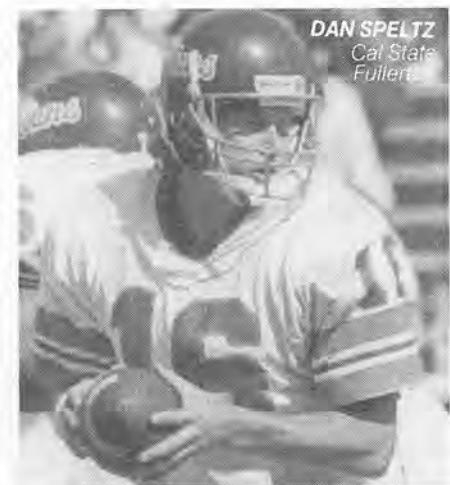
KEVIN EVANS
San Jose State



JOHNNY JOHNSON
San Jose State

Gilbert will do some juggling in his offensive line, with Anthony Gallegos (6-2, 264) going from center to guard and John Heilmann (6-3, 254) from right to left tackle. Others in the hunt for starting berths: transfer Pat Hinds, Damon Tarver (6-6, 295), Chad Hymel, and Ara Derderian. Punter Jim Hughes (40.8-yard average) and place-kicker Jim Kirk both return.

Joining Muraoka up front should be either Mike Powers or Simon Vaoifi at tackle, with either redshirt Bob Bleisch or Mario Serrano at nose guard. George Smylie and Mike Barri are contending to join Moss at inside backer, but the picture is uncertain on the outside, where only Rick Huck has experience. Transfer Eddie Thomas and sophomore Freddie Smith may open at cornerback, where all-conference Jay Taylor is gone, with Rasnick and either Garrett Awai or Craig Glatzhofer at safeties, and sophomore Hesh Colar at rover.



DAN SPLETZ
Cal State Fullerton



MIKE PRINGLE
Cal State Fullerton

guard Willie Howard (6-3, 285) were both honorable mention all-Big West, and senior Terry Cook showed great improvement. Conference Defensive Player of the Year Tracy Rogers and two other starting linebackers are gone, but *Sporting News* All-America Ron Cox (6-2, 230) returns after mending a knee, along with sophomore Jeff Thiesen and Robert Nobles, who could blossom. Senior Jeff Peracchi may start in the middle.

The corners are a pair of tough seniors, James Williams, an all-Big West pick who has 4.3 speed, and Darrel Martin, backed by Jeff White. Sophomore Marquez Pope and David Shelton are the probable starters at safety,

Gilbert looks to be at quarterback, where there is talent but not experience, at tight end, outside linebacker, and cornerback. But the numbers appear to be there this time.

Gilbert can go several ways in replacing Ken Lutz at quarterback: to backup Greg Centilli, to redshirts Ralph Martini and Mike Jordan, or to transfer Matt Veatch. Behind All-America candidate Johnson at tailback will be the highly-billed 5-8 junior Sheldon Canley, with returnee Jim Francis at fullback. Slot receiver Kevin Evans, who caught 61 passes for 887 yards and was honorable mention All-America, and Doug Hooker (43 receptions for 607 yards) are an excellent tandem.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

Going into last season, Gene Murphy was in search of an offense. Now he's looking for a defense, which may well mean that the Titans will have trouble improving on a 5-6 season that found them playing very well (5-2 and in second place) in the Big West, but not so well against non-conference opponents. At least Murphy has injected some sanity into a schedule that used to be little short of suicidal.

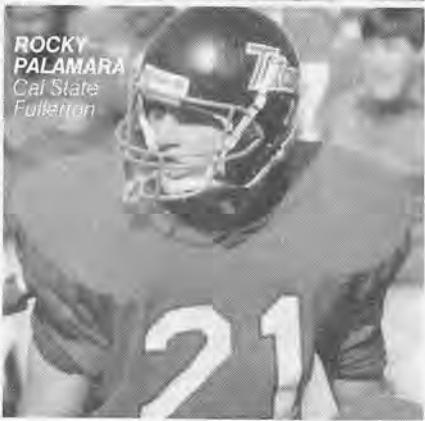
It will take time, however, to rebuild a defense that loses standout linemen Alex Stewart and A.J. Jenkins, linebackers Jerry Leggett and Bill Bryan, and corner James Howard. Murphy will look first to second-team all-

conference choice Mike Schaffel (59 tackles) at roverback and returning outside linebackers Harold Jones and Chris Wright. Other key defenders: lettermen Darren Emery, Tim Holland, and Keith Radovcich in the line; Russ Oleyer at inside linebacker, and Shaun Dennis and Todd Prukop at safeties. Transfers Lionel Denman and Darrell Bruce may step in at the corners.

The offense is led by senior quarterback Dan Speltz, who started slowly last season but finished with 1,924 passing yards, the third-best in school history; and second-team all-Big West selections Mike Pringle and Rocky Palamara. Pringle rushed for 496 yards and was sixth in the nation with a 26.1-yard kickoff-return average. Palamara set a Fullerton record with 875 receiving yards. Also back are fullback Tim Byrnes, a strong blocker who ran for 287 yards, and wide receiver Tony Dill, along with interior lineman Marc Hauser and Reggie Redding (6-4, 270), who will be moved from guard to tackle. Competing up



MIKE SCHAFFEL
Cal State
Fullerton



**ROCKY
PALAMARA**
Cal State
Fullerton

front are part-time starters Tom Gang and Laita Leatutufu, and Bill Huston and Paul Benner. There's no clear-cut favorite at tight end, and the Titans might have to struggle to replace two talented kickers, Stan Lambert and punter Jim Sirois (No. 9 in the nation).

UTAH STATE

Now that all-conference quarterback Brent Snyder is gone, so is the Aggies' drop-back passing attack. Chuck Shelton will switch to play-action passes this season with new sophomore quarterbacks Kirk Johnson and Kevin White. Shelton also will have to worry about the departure of wide receiver Kendal Smith, the Big West's Offensive Player of the Year. But he has another outstanding receiver

back in senior Patrick Newman, who caught 40 passes despite missing three games with a strained knee. He also has two veterans if not particularly luminous running backs in Brett Payne and Demetrius Brown.

Shelton's chief offensive concerns are the development of his quarterbacks—no matter what the offensive scheme—and creating more consistent line play. Big tackle Dan Hill (6-7, 280), hampered by injuries last year, is the team's top returnee up front. John Stephens was a starter at the other tackle. And tight end should be no problem with Keith Roberson, Ryan Duve, and Monte Ahlemeyer. The situation is less clear elsewhere, however.

Defensively, Shelton returns eight starters from a team that was 4-7 overall, 4-3 and tied for third in the Big West. The only really significant loss is all-league tackle Brian Hunsaker. Another Hunsaker, 6-5, 255-pound senior lineman Jeff, is back, along with nose guard Rob Van de Pol. Expected to make a strong bid up front is transfer Piliki Tautolo (6-1, 250). Others to watch are linebackers Del Lyles, who led the team in tackles as a freshman in 1988, Tom Hansen, Greg Davis, and Kevin Bouwman, who missed four games with a broken ankle; and backs Travis Clark, Scott Munson, and Toby Tyler. Clark, a 6-3 senior, was an all-WFC first-teamer and led the conference with five interceptions.

Louie Aguiar, one of the league's top punters, is gone, but Rusty Carlsen has two years in the program, and Russ Moody is an accurate place-kicker.

NEVADA LAS VEGAS

Wayne Nunnely has said he'll quit as the Rebels' head coach if his team (4-7 in 1988, 3-4 and tied for fifth in the Big West) doesn't have a winning season. At this point, that's no sure thing. Apart from an opening game against Houston, the schedule doesn't look overly demanding. But there are questions about the progress of quarterbacks Charles Price and Derek Stott, the line and overall depth.

The running game looks solid with Tommy Jackson (894 yards rushing) and Darin Brightmon (565) and the wide receivers should be improved with starters Keenan McCardell and Rickie Wills back and transfer Tim Campbell coming in. In the line, second-team all-Big West Patrick Harden (6-4, 275) and pro prospect Dustin Quinton (6-6, 305) return at tackle and Robert Welch at tight end, but things are less sure at center and guard, where transfer Joe Biritz, Tim Lyons, and redshirt Jon Jones are the early leaders.

The situation is a good deal healthier on Nunnely's first-team defense, where nine starters are back, topped by nose guard Doc Wise (6-4, 265), who may be the team's best regular and was first-team all-conference in '88, and second-team all-Big West linebacker Jody Reinoehl. Aaron Christian and Derek Nicholson should flank Wise in the line, with Mike Estes (6-2, 235) opposite Reinoehl, and Avery Miller and John Foster at outside linebackers. Free safety Charles Anthony heads a secondary that also may feature returnee Freddy Phillips and Rodney Crozier, Kevin Harris, Gerald Robinson, or Don Roberts.

Steve Crevoiserat, taking over for the departed Jim Cook, is an unproven place-kicker, but the same definitely is not true of senior punter Tony Rhynes, an All-America candidate. Rhynes was honorable mention All-

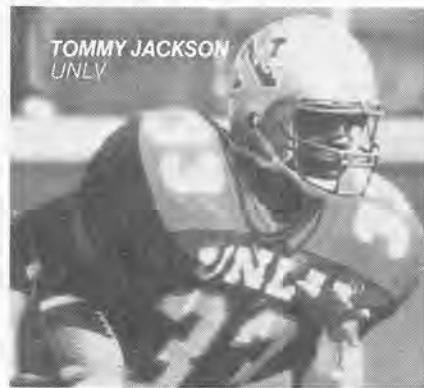
America last season for the second straight year, finishing fourth nationally with a 44-yard average. One of his kicks traveled 71 yards.

CAL STATE LONG BEACH

Third-year head coach Larry Reisbig is another Big West coach in search of the right quarterback—or any quarterback who can approximate the considerable skills of the record-setting Jeff Graham, now the property of the Washington Redskins. Matching Graham's 2,720 passing yards during a 3-9 season in 1988 (3-4 and fifth place in the conference) is too much to ask, but Reisbig is hoping for production out of 24-year-old former minor-league baseball player Paul Oates.

Oates certainly has receivers to exploit in Derek Washington (48 receptions for 752 yards) and Mark Seay (31 for 480). He also has proven running backs in Andre Southerland, who gained 653 yards despite some late-season problems, and hard-nosed fullback Jim Bittner. The line looks fairly solid, too, with Dave McKinnon (6-5, 280), who could be the Big West's best at his position, and whopping Cornelius Harrell (6-4, 300) at tackle; returnees Dan Tunnicliff and Kevin Tabor at guards, and newcomers Ron Byers, in place of all-conference Derrick Jinks, at center, and Greg Gibson at tight end.

Dan Duffy, who was third on the team with 65 tackles, LeMuel Hawkins, and Rick Hensley, who came on well late, are the likely starters in the defensive line. The inside linebackers should be Mark Ziegenhagen and redshirt senior Gene Lemmers or Nick Pantuso, back from a knee injury. Pepper Jenkins, Chuck Reep, and David Riley play outside. Stan Davis is the likely starter at cornerback, with Leon Patterson at rover and Marc Tourville, who missed four games with a broken arm, and Keith Washington at safeties.



TOMMY JACKSON
UNLV



CHARLES PRICE
UNLV

Backup quarterback Fred Morales should replace Willie Lujan as the 49ers' punter, with Leo Rowland taking over for David Van Steeniste as place-kicker.

PACIFIC

Gone are Bob Cope and his wishbone-T offense. In are Walt Harris and his pro-set. Harris, a former player and assistant coach for the Tigers, most recently was offensive coordinator and quarterback coach under Johnny Majors at Tennessee. His first major task will be to try to put some life into a passing game that has been almost non-existent of late.

Harris will be without most of the ingredients of a 1988 offense that could produce only two wins in 11 games: quarterback Jason Frost, running backs Jon Grim and Vernon Hadnot, and wide receiver Troy Cole. But tackles Gary Barlow (6-4, 265) and Ted Diehl (6-3, 235) and center Mike Thompson (6-4, 260) return in the line. Barlow and Thompson were second-team all-Big West. Anthony Williams (343 yards) is the top rusher. Harris is looking at five new quarterbacks, including recruits David Henigan and Troy Kopp.

The team's strength should be defense. The top name there is senior safety Greg Koperek, an all-Big West choice as a defensive back and kick returner in '88. Koperek had 154 tackles and averaged 20.1 yards on 17 kickoff returns and 10.4 yards on 20 punt returns. Back in the line are three seniors: Kendrick Brown, second in the Big West with 12.5 sacks, Dan Hampton, and Richard Harris. Graduation took Mike McMaster, Mike Hawkins, Mike Woznick, and Rich Pembrook from the Tigers' linebacking corps but Jerry DiMaggio and Pat Aragon are back. Chad Kurashige has been shifted from defensive line to help out, and highly rated freshman Mike Allio is coming in.

Harris will be looking for a place-kicker to replace Mark Gran, who led the team with 42 points. The punting game should be solid with the return of Brian Jones, who averaged 42.2 yards on 67 kicks. Harris says the No. 1 thing he's looking for in 1989 is effort. He figures if he gets that now, the wins may come later.

NEW MEXICO STATE

The Aggies still have miles to go before they catch up in the Big West. They improved a little on offense in 1988, but they gave up no fewer than three touchdowns in any one game and finished winless in conference play and 1-10 overall. Mike Knoll saw improvement in all aspects of play in the spring, but depth continues to be a major difficulty, particularly in the offensive line and the secondary.

The offense picked up at the end of the '88 season under quarterback Phil Vinson, who's back for his senior year. Senior fullback Anthony Singleton and sophomore tailback Marvin Johnson combined for 1,163 yards, and Bennie Thomas and Alvin Warren are worthy receivers. Up front, tight ends Jim Williams and Brian Davis, who split time, are back, but Knoll may have to turn to newcomers like transfers Kelly Curtis (6-5, 240) and Bob Schauer (6-4, 240) and redshirt John Nigreville, a converted defensive end, inside.

The experienced talent on defense could be a bit better this season. Team tackle and sack leader Bill Stuersel (6-3, 260) returns in the line with Jeff Hughes (6-3, 251) and Joel Navarro. All-time Aggie tackle leader Darryl

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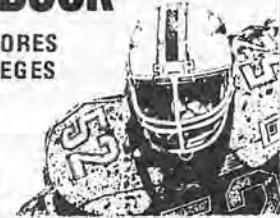
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Ford is gone from the linebacking corps, but Sam Dickey and sophomore Tye Bell should temper his loss. Walk-on Bell earned a starting job last season. Brian Mosychuk, hurt much of '88, may be ready to contribute, too. Leaders in the secondary are cornerbacks Lolo James and Mike Hall and strong safety David Rider. Transfer Parker Ragsdale has the tools to start.

Vietnamese refugee place-kicker Dat Ly had a fine sophomore season, with a school-record 17 field goals, and freshman punter Roman Mudd should fill in nicely for the departed Gary Aldaz.

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PORTRLAND STATE

Quarterback Chris Crawford, who led the Vikings into the NCAA Division II title game in 1988, and several key defenders are gone, but Pokey Allen has plenty returning from an 11-3-1 team. Heading the list are All-America candidate Curtis Delgado, an all-purpose, 5-foot-5 back who rushed for 1,493 yards, and all-WFC linebacker Scott Taube. Much will depend on how well new quarterbacks Darren Del Andrae and Don Bailey handle an offense that also will feature running back Burnell Marvin, receivers Greg Evers and John Miller, and guard Bill Duarte (6-0, 270). Cornerbacks Dominique Hardeman and Nick Carter are other key defenders.

SANTA CLARA

The Broncos tied with Sacramento State for second in the conference (4-2) and return all but three starters. And if the defense improves a little, they could challenge for a title. Sophomore quarterback John St. Jacques (1,492 yards passing) and senior tailback Paul Marcy (school single-season record 1,065 yards) will lead an offense that also includes receivers Travis Bargeman and Brian McKelligan. Pat Malley will build his defense around linebackers Pat Doud (the team's leading tackler) and Dan O'Neil, linemen Dan Squiers, Pat Wahler, and Jeff Lewis, and safety Mike Williams (100 tackles, 6 interceptions).

SACRAMENTO STATE

The Hornets reached the NCAA Division II semifinals in a storybook 10-3 season, but must make up for major player losses. Former quarterback starter Drew Wyant will work with fullback Ed Bueno, who rushed for 555 yards in support of the departed Donald Hair, wide receivers Ron Weaver (37 catches for 626 yards) and deep threat Zeb Brye, and tackle Ty Endean (6-5, 275). Bob Mattos's defense starts up front with the "Samoa Connection": Fine Mau Mau (6-1, 285), Saia Loketti, and Junior Nua. Also back are all-WFC inside linebacker Derek Stigerts (6-3, 235) and corners Kaycee Cunningham and Keith Waters, both hurt last season.

SOUTHERN UTAH

The Thunderbirds played very competitively in a 4-7 season despite a defense that was last in the WFC, and Jack Bishop is looking for improvement. He'll again feature a running game that returns junior Kelvin Minefee, who rushed for 1,190 yards and set eight school records, and senior Thane Marshall and all-WFC junior guard Randy Bostic (6-3, 238). The defense, shored up by several transfers,

will be led by linebackers Ray Hosner and Joey Sturges, tackle Preston Lambert (6-4, 295), and Damon Olson, who will move from safety to inside linebacker. Herkey Marxen is one of the conference's top kickers.

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

Lyle Setencich's Mustangs appear to have major questions on defense, where all-conference first-teamers Tom Carey, Chris Dunn, and Rene Oliver are among the missing. Returning from a team that was 5-4-1 overall and 3-3 in the WFC are safety David Graves, inside linebacker Gary Gatiss, and tackle Steve Habermehl. Quarterback Tom Sullivan is gone, too, but backup Keith Jarrett will be working with some productive returnees, including wide receiver Terry Cole (32 catches for 737 yards), running back Todd Henderson (597 yards rushing, second-best on the team), and linemen Steve Miller (6-2, 250) and Dan Eavenson (6-2, 220).

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

The Matadors were 6-5 overall, a school-record third straight winning season, but were just 2-4 in conference play and have a lot of filling in to do on offense. Bob Burt's club is strong at running back, however, with All-America candidate Albert Fann, an all-purpose junior who rushed for 973 yards, and Lance Harper, back after knee surgery. All-WFC Jim Matthews (6-4, 275) is the big man in the line. The best of eight returning defensive starters look to be linebackers Sean O'Brien and Rob Wilson, second-team all-conference strong safety Wille James, and end Bill McDonald, who led the team in tackles.



PAUL MARCY
Santa Clara

backer, where top two tacklers Ken Steward and Mike Mollinado should ease the loss of second-team all-WFC Torii Lehr. Also returning is place-kicker Greg Maw.

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UC-DAVIS

The Aggies continued their dominance of the NCAC in 1988, winning their 18th straight league title under coach Jim Sochor, who stepped aside last February to become athletic director. Replacing him is defensive coordinator Bob Foster, a member of the staff since the start of the Davis dynasty in 1971. He will continue to follow the same game plan as past UCD teams: a running and passing attack that emphasizes ball control. There are 13 returning starters, including the entire backfield. Quarterback Mike Quinn passed for 1,409 yards and 10 TDs. The running game features Shola Adeyemo (league-leading 71.3 yards



SHOLA ADEYEMO
UC-Davis

per game, 11 TDs, and 24 receptions) and Jim Tomasin, who ran for 143 yards against Santa Clara. Tom Price and Charlie "Hoss" Smith head an experienced line.

Six starters return on defense. Linebacker Steve Thompson bulked up 30 pounds in the offseason and now has the size (6-3, 225) and speed to be a pro prospect. Cameron Boyer anchors a line with Kevin Blanchard, Ted Prenovost, and Mike Hanley. Mike Connors and Linton Hall are back in the secondary.

CHICO STATE

It's the start of a new era at State as Gary Houser, the defensive coordinator for the past 10 years, takes over for the departed Mike Bellotti. Houser inherits 15 returning starters from a squad that finished second in the conference. There is also a new offensive coordinator, Larry Korpitz, who spent the previous five seasons at Wyoming. He plans to introduce the spread offense, which was highly successful at Laramie. Running the show is sophomore quarterback Rob Tomlinson (93 of 174 for 1,329 yards and 8 TDs). He is backed by Kevin Miller and Todd Larsen. The backfield also returns Gene Harlin (303 yards) and fullback George Pye. Kent Shackleford (42

catches for 625 yards) is a dangerous receiver and tight end Mark Martin is capable. Don Iasparro is one of four line regulars back.

Joe Beacham leads a veteran defense. He earned all-star recognition last year with six interceptions for 131 yards and one TD. With him in the secondary are Mark Johnson and Frank Peterson. Linebacking is solid with Dave Pollack and Eugene Lopez. All-NCAC Jon Stangl bolsters the line.

HUMBOLDT STATE

Pass, pass, pass. That's coach Mike Dolby's philosophy. In his three years at Humboldt State, Dolby's offense has thrown for the first-, second-, and fifth-highest single-season yardage totals in school history. Look for Air Dolby to take off again in 1988. Quarterback William Williams averaged 137 passing yards per game a year ago. Rodney Dorsett, coming off knee surgery, is the backup. Norman Woods and Freeman Baysinger earned all-NCAC honorable mention. Woods missed the first five games with a broken wrist but came on strong in the final five, with 25 receptions (12 against San Francisco State). Baysinger averaged 14.5 yards on his 25 catches.

The defense is anchored by linebacker David Harper and linemen Scott Reagan and Mark Hampton. Harper averaged 10 tackles and had two interceptions.

HAYWARD STATE

The Pioneers adopted the wishbone in 1988 in an attempt to enliven a lethargic offense and improve on a 2-8 record. The wishbone was mildly successful, accounting for 2,034 yards rushing and 701 passing, but Hayward still managed just two victories. The Pioneers were outscored, 229-145, so coach Tim Tierney has to shore up his defense, which returns six starters. Linebacker Terry Tracy, the leading tackler, is back. The line features Anthony Bruno. Eric Martinez may be small (5-10, 190), but his strength and speed accounted for 11½ sacks and 20 stops behind the line of scrimmage. The secondary is paced by strong safety Earl Butler Jr.

The offense will be led by soph quarterback Eric Lutz, who saw limited action last year. He'll work with Carl Johnson and Dave Poppleton, who is chiefly a blocker. The top receivers are Dave Blackwell and Anthony Hall.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

Coach Vic Rowan has decided to make this, his 35th year at SFSU, his last. But he faces a major task if he hopes to retire on a high note. The Gators (1-9) haven't enjoyed a winning season since 1971, and the prospects for improvement this year are not encouraging. There are 13 returning starters, the best of whom is Wade Hampton Jr. He earned all-league honorable mention honors after rushing for 744 yards in eight games and catching 16 passes for 285 yards. In addition, he returns punts and kickoffs. Andy Mitchell returns to the backfield, but Rowan must find a replacement for quarterback Jim Rudy.

The defense has a little more stability with six regulars back. Richard Martin, Ted Carrier, and Brian Tubbs comprise the secondary. Martin was all-NCAC first team after making 57 tackles and intercepting three passes. Mark Nawrocki anchors the line along with John Washington. Steve Domingos handles the kicking.

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by RANDALL MELL

FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS

CECIL HURT

TUSCALOOSA NEWS

It didn't take long for University of Miami fans to start comparing Dennis Erickson and Jimmy Johnson. In one of Erickson's first public appearances in South Florida, the director of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce suggested Erickson begin using hair spray. "What I need is Grecian Formula," Erickson responded.

The Erickson era arrives with great expectations. Even Erickson's prematurely gray hair is being scrutinized. Johnson, known for his meticulously hair-sprayed coif, set standards of near perfection that Erickson will surely be measured against. UM's record over the last six years is college football's best at 63-10. Nebraska is second at 62-12.

"Since I've been here, they've talked about two things," said Erickson, who was hired away from Washington State. "Go undefeated and beat Notre Dame. That's all I've heard."

Erickson inherits an accomplished cast of returning players. Miami, coming off a No. 2 finish in 1986, a No. 1 ranking in '87, and another No. 2 ranking last year, hasn't run short on outstanding talent. That's bad news for Florida State. The 'Canes and Seminoles figure to be the class of the Southern Independents again. FSU fans, however, are hoping this is the year they break out of Miami's shadow. The 'Canes have put a damper on two of FSU's best seasons. The Seminoles are 22-2 over the last two seasons with both losses coming against Miami, which has lost just once in its last 24 games. In 1987, FSU finished with a No. 2 ranking to Miami's No. 1. Last year, FSU was No. 3 to Miami's No. 2. Miami returns 13 starters, FSU returns 10. They meet again on October 28 in Tallahassee. Both will feature new quarterbacks: high-

BRUCE LaSANE



deep south

independents

ly regarded junior Craig Erickson leads Miami with senior Peter Tom Willis expected to win the FSU job. How quickly they progress may have much to do with who reigns in the South.

Georgia Southern figures to live up to its Division I-AA powerhouse reputation and make a run at playing for the national title for the fourth time since 1985. Coach Erk Russell has 15 starters back.

The 1988 season will not go down as the finest one the Southeastern Conference ever had on the field. Auburn turned in a good effort, probably missing a national title shot against Notre Dame by the narrowest of margins: a one-point loss to LSU that spoiled an undefeated regular season. LSU, Alabama, and Georgia all had good years.

But some of the biggest names in the SEC decided that the time was right to get out. The conference was losing big names faster than it could replace them in late 1988 and early '89, some prematurely and some less so. The biggest name of all was Vince Dooley, who decided to step down after 24 years at Georgia. No one would argue that Dooley's decision was untimely. After all, he had won close to 200 games, including a national championship in 1980, and had recruited Herschel Walker, a feat worthy of legend by itself. There had been no league titles since Dooley won his sixth in 1982, though, and recruiting was becoming more and more of a grind. Appropriately, perhaps, Dooley's replacement, 33-year-old Ray Goff, is regarded as a recruiter first. His abilities as a tactician are unknown, but they will be tested this year.

Some of the other recently departed, though not as venerable as Dooley, will be

sorely missed. A few—Lombardi and Outland winner Tracy Rocker of Auburn, and Butkus Award recipient Derrick Thomas of Alabama—are merely ending their careers on schedule. But others, notably Georgia's Tim Worley and Alabama's Bobby Humphrey, had a chance to come back for 1989 and decided not to. That will have an impact on those teams, for Worley and Humphrey (and another early departee, Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State) would have been the best returning backs in the nation, if Humphrey's feet and Worley's transcript had proved healthy.

The SEC is not shorn of talent by any means. Florida's Emmitt Smith could be the nation's best running back. LSU has quarterback Tommy Hodson, who also flirted with an NFL possibility but decided to return, thus making the Tigers a slight favorite for this year's conference crown.

The main interest for 1989, though, may be centered on coaches, not players, making unscheduled departures. The pressure is on in at least half the coaching posts in the league. Florida's Galen Hall, mashed by in-state rival Florida State on the field and in recruiting, may need at least eight wins to keep his job. Johnny Majors heard the drums of war from the alumni after losing his first six games, Rockey Felker after dropping his last 10. Bill Curry has never been able to rest easy in Tuscaloosa; after an early loss to Ole Miss last year, one fan tossed a rock through his office window. Given those circumstances, maybe Dooley had the right idea.

Still, there will be plenty of success stories in the SEC this year as well. In addition to Smith and Hodson, there are All-America possibilities in Alabama linebacker Keith McCants, Auburn defensive tackle David Rocker, Georgia tailback Rodney Hampton and nose guard Bill Goldberg, Kentucky linebacker Randy Holleran, LSU flanker Tony Moss, Ole Miss safety Todd Sandroni, and Tennessee guard Eric Still.

MIAMI

"Bring On Notre Dame!" The sign drew much attention at Miami's spring scrimmage. Hurricane fans haven't forgotten that controversial 31-30 loss to the Fighting Irish last season in South Bend. They haven't forgotten the pre-game brawl in the tunnel, that controversial fourth-quarter Cleveland Gary fumble on the goal line, or the failed two-point pass in the waning seconds.

The loss snapped the Hurricanes' 36-game regular-season victory streak and was the only blemish on their record as they finished with a No. 2 ranking. It prevented Miami from a second straight national title. When the season was over, Jimmy Johnson maintained that his 'Canes were the nation's best team—if not technically No. 1. After accepting the job as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Johnson had a final meeting with his players. His message? "Whip Notre Dame for me!"

Well, Miami gets its rematch on November 25 in the Orange Bowl. It's the season finale for both teams, and it very well could have national championship ramifications. It will, however, be a year of transition for Miami. Dennis Erickson, known for his offensive prowess at Washington State, succeeds Johnson. "I came here for a number of reasons," Erickson said. "One is the opportunity to win the national championship."

The Erickson Era begins in dual fashion. With Steve Walsh's early exodus to the NFL, highly regarded junior Craig Erickson inherits the glamor spot at Quarterback U. Young Erickson, however, inherits a different set of X's and O's. The coach has installed a spread formation, quick passing game. It features

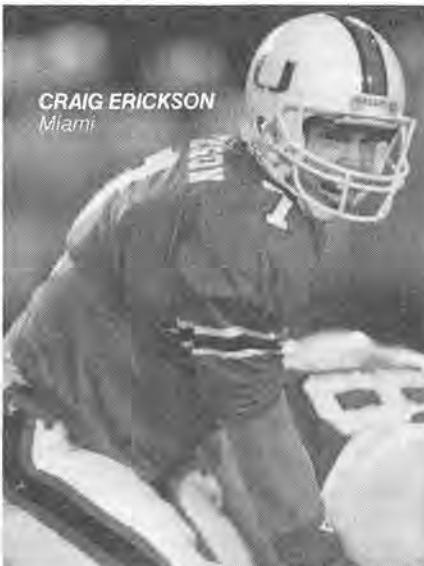
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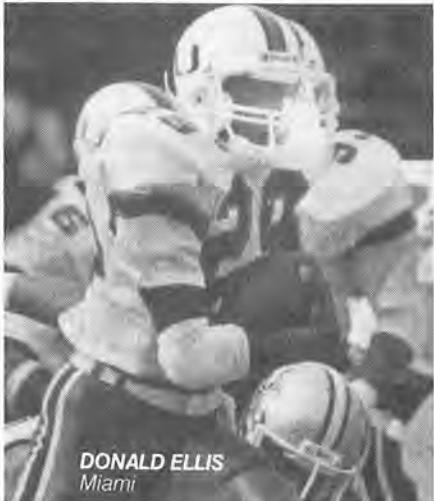
GREG MARK
Miami

mostly one-back sets with three- and four-receiver schemes designed to gain one-on-one mismatches.

The offense returns seven starters, including junior halfback Leonard Conley, who likely will share time with Shannon Crowell and freshman Steve McGuire. Senior Dale Dawkins is the leading returning receiver (31 catches for 488 yards and four touchdowns). Randal Hill (21-338-4) and tight end Rob

Chudzinski (30-388-5) also are back. Junior-college transfer Wesley Carroll and freshman Lamar Thomas had outstanding springs.

The offensive line was an area of concern but should be strengthened with the return of two injured players. Junior All-America candidate Mike Sullivan (6-4, 270) anchors the right tackle after missing spring for removal of a benign salivary gland tumor. Also expected back is senior guard Rod Holder (6-3, 260) after offseason knee surgery. Center Bobby Garcia (6-3, 253) and guard Darren Handy (6-1, 264) are returning starters. Tackle Leon Searcy (6-3, 274) is the newcomer on a line that yielded just 13 sacks last season.



DONALD ELLIS
Miami

Defensively, the 'Canes return eight regulars. Sort of. Two players were part-time starters last season. The line and linebackers figure to be Miami's strength again with Greg Mark (6-4, 240) returning at end and Jimmie Jones (6-4, 270) and Russell Maryland (6-2, 265) at tackle. Jones and Maryland are All-America candidates. Shane Curry (6-4, 244) and Willis Peguese (6-4, 246) will likely share time at the other end. At linebacker, Maurice Crum was the team's leading tackler in an outstanding first season on the weak side. Senior Bernard Clark, the Orange Bowl MVP two years ago, anchors the middle with Richard Newbill (6-3, 228) on the strong side. Safeties Bobby Harden and Charles Pharms are the nucleus of the backfield. Kenny Berry and Robert Bailey and Roland Smith are front-runners for the cornerback spots.

Sophomore Carlos Huerta (school-record 21 field goals last season) and punter Tim Kalal (38.4) provide solid kicking.

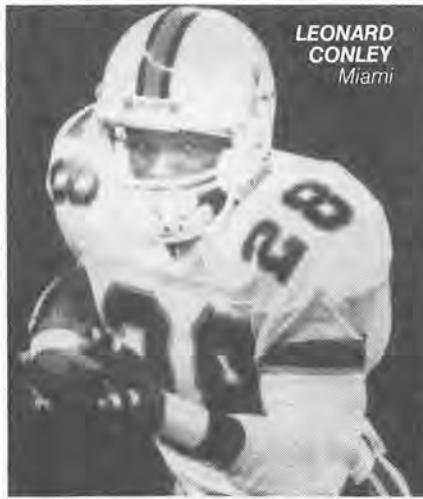
FLORIDA STATE

Take away an embarrassing loss to Miami, and Florida State looked every bit a national championship contender last season. The Seminoles are coming off their second straight 11-1 record. They were ranked No. 1 before a 31-0 drubbing in Miami in last year's season opener.

"We would like to get to the point where we can reload every year and not have to rebuild," FSU coach Bobby Bowden said. "We've got some question marks in 1989, but maybe not as many as we used to have." FSU will be looking to fill the void left when their dominant offensive and defensive players were taken in the first round of April's NFL draft. The offense returns minus standout half-

back Sammie Smith (Dolphins, ninth pick). The defense minus all-everything cornerback Deion Sanders (Falcons, fifth pick).

"I think we could be one heck of a football team and not have as good a record," Bowden said of a schedule that pits FSU against six top 20 finishers last season. "If we go 11-1 this time, we've got to be some kind of team."



LEONARD CONLEY
Miami

Senior Peter Tom Willis (6-3, 192) will likely take over for the graduated Chip Ferguson at quarterback. Willis was 48 of 85 for 637 yards, nine touchdowns, and three interceptions as a backup last season. In the backfield, senior tailback Dexter Carter returns with much experience. He's a slight but speedy breakaway threat who rushed for 330 yards as Smith's backup. Talented sophomore Chris Parker (391) backs him up with sophomore Edgar Bennett at fullback. FSU boasts receivers who may be the nation's best starting cast. Senior All-America candidates Ron Lewis (27-484-2) and Terry Anthony (32-550-8) lead the pack with Bruce LaSane and Lawrence Dawsey figuring prominently. Reggie Johnson and Dave Roberts are fighting for tight end.

The offensive line is a concern. Senior center Mike Tanks (6-1, 254) and sophomore guard Mike Morris (6-2, 251) are the only returning starters. Guards John Brown (6-4, 275) and Tony Yeomans (6-2, 252) are competing with Nick Ekonomou (6-2, 250) and freshman Kevin Mancini (6-4, 265) for the open positions.

Defensively, linebacker and the line should be strengths. Kelvin Smith (6-0, 235), FSU's leading tackler, returns at inside linebacker. Keith Carter and sophomore Kirk Carruthers compete for the other position with Shelton Thompson, Kevin Grant, Anthony Moss, and sophomore Howard Dinkins competing for outside spots. Odell Haggins sets the tone for the defense. The 6-2, 270-pound senior nose guard is an All-America candidate who will be flanked by burly tackle Eric Hayes (6-3, 289) with freshman Oliver Strickland (6-3, 285) or sophomore Henry Ostaszewski (6-3, 244) likely to start at the other tackle.

In the secondary, Leroy Butler moves over from safety to play one corner with junior Corian Freeman at the other. Dedrick Dodge (6-2, 175) is back at free safety with Bill Ragans (6-2, 206) taking over strong safety.

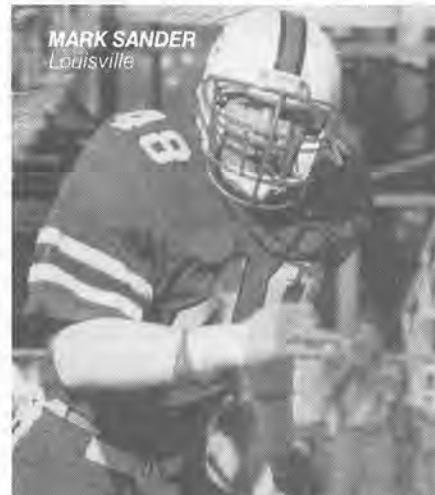
Newcomer John Wimberly will handle the punting with Richie Andrews and Bill Mason doing the place-kicking.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Southern Mississippi fans couldn't have asked for more from coach Curley Hallman. In his first season, Hallman directed the Golden Eagles to their finest effort in 36 years. Hallman led Southern Mississippi to a 9-2 mark last year and a 38-18 Independence Bowl victory against UTEP. The 10-2 overall record matched USM's best-ever finish in 1952.

Hopes are running high again. The Golden Eagles figure to make a strong run at a top 20 finish with 13 returning starters, including eight from an offense that averaged 29 points per game. "With Brett Favre back at quarterback and all but one offensive lineman back, we should be much improved," Hallman said.

Favre, a 6-2, 210-pound junior, needs only 219 yards passing to become Southern Mississippi's all-time leader. He was a standout who made few mistakes last year, completing 178 of 319 passes for 2,271 yards with 16 touchdowns and only five interceptions. "He just might be as good as any quarterback around," Hallman said. The offense must fill the void left by running back Shelton Gandy, whose 2,504 career rushing yards is fifth on the school list. However, senior Rickey Bradley (6-1, 225) showed himself more than able last year, leading USM in rushing with 665



MARK SANDER
Louisville



TED WASHINGTON
Louisville

yards on 144 carries. Eddie Ray Jackson (5-9, 186) was an all-purpose threat as a backup with 30 catches. Reginald Warnsley and Ronald Howell return at fullback.

Favre will have a talented cast of receivers with his top three wideouts returning. Alfred Williams is only 5-7, but he provided much excitement last season with a team-leading 39



BRETT FAVRE
Southern Miss

catches for 601 yards and three TDs. Darryl Tillman (25-409-1) and Eugene Rowell (20-308-3) also are back. The offensive line looks solid with four of five starters back: Buddy King (6-6, 260) and sophomore Chris Ryals (6-8, 265) at tackle, Ben Crimm (6-4, 255) and sophomore Chafan Marsh (6-0, 250) at guard.

Defensively, the Golden Eagles are less settled. Only five starters return. Gone is the rock of the unit, linebacker and leading tackler George Hill. "My biggest concern is at outside linebacker and cornerback," Hallman said. Tony Pogue, second in tackles last year, returns at one inside linebacker position. Nose guard Chuck Sims (6-2, 250) and tackle Toby Watts (6-5, 244) anchor the line. Cornerback Simmie Carter and safety Kerry Valrie return.

How well Hallman's newest defensive starters progress may have much to do with how USM fares against a tougher 1989 schedule that includes Florida State, Auburn, Texas A&M, and Alabama.

LOUISVILLE

A long, hard journey reaped some rewards last year for coach Howard Schnellenberger. In his fourth year, Schnellenberger turned Louisville's struggling program around. Now, he's got his eyes on a top 20 finish and a bowl game. The Cardinals, snubbed by bowl scouts last year despite an 8-3 finish, are coming off their first winning season since 1978. And they are loaded. All 11 starters return on defense and six on offense.

"I think this team will be head and shoulders above last year's team," Schnellenberger said. "What's so exciting about the whole thing is that we've just scratched the surface last year. We're going to be talking about being in the top 20 this year. We're going to be talking about a major bowl."

A key to Schnellenberger's ambitions will be the development of replacements for Louisville's top offensive players. Gone are quarterback Jay Gruden, who had back-to-back 2,000-yard passing seasons, and running back Deon Booker, the first Louisville back in

10 years to rush for 1,000 yards. Rob Nutile (6-3, 208) is the leader in a free-for-all competition at quarterback with Browning Nagle and sophomores Joey Crenshaw and Erik Watts. Keith Stephens will replace Booker; sophomore LaTrell Ware is the fullback.

Much experience returns at the receiver position with flanker Anthony Cummings (30-406-5) and split end Eric Broomfield (17-303-1). Standout senior tight end Chad Fortune (35-339-4) is being pushed for All-America honors. The offensive line returns three of five starters: guard Mike McKinney (6-3, 279), center Allen Douglas (6-3, 242), and tackle Pete Burkey (6-4, 272).

The defense is led by middle linebacker Mark Sander (6-2, 226). He'll be flanked by Pat Fitzgerald and Robert Gibson. Tackles Dan Gangwer (6-2, 258) and Ted Washington (6-5, 285) anchor the line with sophomore Deron Williams (6-1, 229) and Mike Flores (6-3, 215) at ends. Flores had an outstanding spring, and Cardinal coaches have great expectations of him as a pass rusher. Arthur Alexander and John Gainey are the corners. Bob Bare is the strong safety with Joey Smith at free. Bare fractured his leg in spring but is expected back.

The kicking specialists, punter Klaus Wilsmeyer and kicker Ron Bell, also return. The Cardinals' greatest challenge in their top 20 bid is a tougher schedule that features Wyoming, West Virginia, Southern Mississippi, Boston College, and Syracuse.

MEMPHIS STATE

Upsetting Florida at Gainesville last year was perhaps the biggest step in Memphis State's three-year climb back to respectability. Under coach Charlie Bailey, the Tigers have gone from 1-10 in 1986 to 5-5-1 in 1987 to 6-5 a year ago. That was Memphis State's first winning season since 1983. Formerly the defensive coordinator at Florida, Bailey took special satisfaction in beating the Gators, 17-11, at Florida Field. It was a feat that has Tiger fans wondering just how far Bailey can take their team. With eight starters back on offense and five on defense, there's bowl talk in Memphis. The Tigers haven't been bowl-eligible since 1971.

Two experienced returning quarterbacks present Bailey with a dilemma this fall. Senior Tim Jones was the regular last season before injuries slowed him. He completed 44 of 84 for 581 yards and four touchdowns with three interceptions in six games. He also engineered the Florida victory. Rusty Trail was good on 79 of 152 passes for 1,231 yards with five touchdowns and five interceptions in seven games.

The Tigers boast depth at running back with tailbacks Gerald White (90-299) and Marvin Cox (22-126) and fullback Wayne Pryor (111-412). Memphis State's top receivers, all seniors, also return: wideout Charles Wilson (33-554-2), flanker Ray Craft (19-413-2), and tight end Rodney Higdon (6-89-0). The line presents the biggest question mark with only two starters back: center Clark Stevenson (6-2, 258) and guard Keith Bland (6-4, 281).

Defensively, Bailey must plug some holes on the line if the Tigers are to improve on last year's efforts. Standout senior nose guard Tory Epps (6-1, 270) is the only starter back in the Tigers' five-man front. He's being pushed for All-America honors. Carlos Hollowell (6-3, 242) returns as one of Memphis State's two linebackers. However, Scott Rumley and

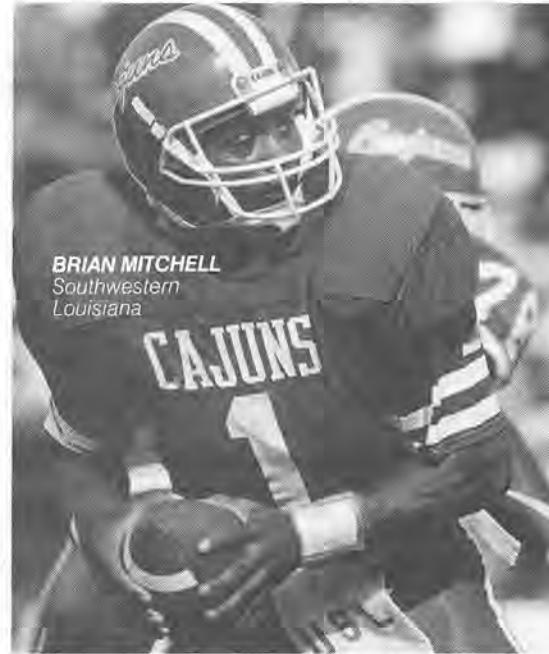
sophomore Jeff Harris bring experience to their competition for the open spot. Senior safety Eddie Moore is an All-America candidate who had seven interceptions last year. Reggie Dubose and Glenn Rogers Jr. also return in the secondary.

Punter Jeff Fite (40.0 average) and placekicker John Butler (14 of 19 FGs) are solid.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Southwestern Louisiana has entertained its Ragin' Cajun faithful with an exciting and winning brand of run-and-shoot football under coach Nelson Stokley. Before Stokley arrived, USL hadn't put together back-to-back winning seasons since 1976-77. The Ragin' Cajuns have turned three straight 6-5 seasons since he took over. More than that, it's been an entertaining streak featuring the all-round skills of standout quarterback Brian Mitchell.

"Brian makes so many things happen for us," said Stokley, a former star quarterback himself at LSU in the 1960s. "There's no question that people are going to go into this sea-



BRIAN MITCHELL
Southwestern
Louisiana

son trying to slow Brian down." Mitchell seems to have been made for the run-and-shoot. He's the master of college football's "double-triple," having rushed and passed for more than 100 yards in four games last season. The 5-10, 195-pound senior led USL in rushing (743 yards) with an impressive 15 touchdowns while throwing for 1,807 yards and another eight TDs. "I don't know what else to say about him," Stokley said. "Our biggest goal during spring was to become flexible enough to switch over to something else when teams slow Brian down."

Stokley has eight other starters back offensively to assist Mitchell. Returning in the backfield are tailback P.D. Broussard (369 yards and six touchdowns) and fullback Felton Parquet (241 yards). Quent McCollum (25-390-1) leads the receiving corps while the line returns intact with standout tackle Paul Norton (6-3, 270) and all-South guard Keith Zimmerman (6-1, 266) leading the way.

Defensively, Stokley has an overhaul job ahead of him in replacing end Chris Gannon and eight other starters. Only linebacker Cliff

ford Champ (6-1, 235) and end Dexter Gatewood (6-2, 231) return. Place-kicker Mike Lemoine also is available.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

A defense that could be Division I-AA's best portends good fortune again for coach Erik Russell. Georgia Southern, which last year came one score away from winning its third I-AA national title since 1985, looks like a favorite to win another with almost everybody back from last year's dominating defense.

The Eagles, who lost, 17-12, to Furman in the '88 title game, return nine starters from a defense that set school records for fewest yards and points allowed. Three I-AA All-America candidates pace that unit. End Giff Smith (6-1, 231) was an especially solid pass rusher, recording 12 sacks, including a school-record five in one game. Middle linebacker Darrell Hendrix led the team in tackles. Cornerback Rodney Oglesby had a team-leading four interceptions.

Offensively, the flexbone looks to be in good hands with quarterback Raymond Gross returning. In 15 games last season, he rushed for 1,213 yards while throwing for 1,203. Fullback Joe Ross (944 yards) returns to anchor the backfield with Ernest Thompson (school-record 19 touchdowns last year) part of a deep and talented slotback field that includes Karl Miller. Both starting receivers are gone. However, sophomore Deryl Belser appears ready to step in for his brother Tony, who left as the Eagles' second-leading career receiver. The line looks solid with three starters returning: tackle Sammy Twiggs (6-1, 220) and guards Sean Gainey (6-0, 260) and Brad Bernard (6-1, 260). Gainey's being touted for All-America honors.

The punter is Terry Harvin; the place-kickers Mike Dowis and David Cool.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

First-year Western Kentucky coach Jack Harbaugh will be looking to accomplish a first in school history: a third straight Division I-AA playoff berth. The Hilltoppers finished 9-4 last season after advancing as far as the I-AA quarterfinals. Harbaugh has 13 starters back to make another run at the playoffs.

Eight starters return on defense with five back on offense. The Hilltoppers' strength lies at linebacker with Russell Foster, Jerome Martin, and Zip Sanders. End Xavier Jordan (6-2, 240) and Brad Thomas (6-0, 200) anchor the line. Strong safety Jonathan Watts returns to lead the secondary.

Offensively, the Hilltoppers must fill the shoes of record-setting running back Joe Arnold (1,668 yards last season) and quarterback David Armstrong. Don Smith (39-178-2) will likely be Arnold's successor with Mark Marsh taking over at quarterback. Darwin Harris (23-258-1) is the top returning wide receiver with Robert Coates (24-307-3) back as an All-America candidate at tight end. The Hilltoppers have a tough task, trying to fill holes in the offensive line. Center Dan Watterson (6-5, 260) and Bob Hodge (6-4, 300) are key returnees.

TULANE

Terrance Jones is no longer around to provide a thrill a minute for Tulane fans. The standout quarterback who holds most of the Green Wave's passing records is gone, off to pursue



TOM HODSON
Louisiana State

EDDIE FULLER
Louisiana State

his NFL ambitions. That means a major transition for coach Greg Davis. "We'll throw as much as in the past," Davis said. "But we'll depend a lot more on the running game." Tulane, coming off a 5-6 record, will rebuild of-fensively with only four starters back.

Much depends on Jones's replacement. Deron Smith looks to be the new quarterback, though sophomore Jerome Woods is challenging. Back from last year's offense are two key skill players: tailback Michael Pierce (86-345-3) and split end Jerome McIntosh (52-908-7). They were the top receivers a year ago. Back to lead the line are guard Fred Plunkett (6-2, 267) and tackle Darin Shoulder (6-3, 273).

Defensively, Tulane struggled last season, allowing 30 points a game. Eight starters are back to try to improve on that performance. The strength looks to be inside linebacker, with senior Vincent Mulmore and a talented newcomer, sophomore Pat Stant, a former *Parade* All-America. Everybody's back on the front line: rush ends Leroy Brown (6-3, 250) and Ray Benford (6-2, 225), drop ends Lenzer Burton (6-1, 194) and Lonnie Marts (6-2, 216), and tackles Andy Treadway (6-4, 265) and Richard Sauter (6-3, 270). The secondary features much speed with sophomore free safety Mark Thornhill leading the way.

Todd Wiggins returns as the place-kicker.

NICHOLLS STATE

(7-4) Phil Greco achieved the kind of balance every coach likes to have. The Colonels averaged 154 yards per game rushing and 152 passing a year ago. Helping to control the ball was tackle Mike Stant, who broke his hand during spring drills. He'll be joined on the line by two returning starters, guard Patrick Taylor and tight end Eric Buckner. Todd Adams, Brian Head, and Royce Nelson move to the first unit. Tailback Aaron Ruffin, the second-leading rusher (454 yards and 6 TDs) and receiver (22 catches for 275 yards), returns, as do wideouts Hosea Chatman, John Brown, and Keith Woods. Bernard Sellers has been shift-

ed to fullback to replace the departed Jamie Lawson. LSU transfer Leonard Valentine will compete with Chris Thornton at quarterback.

Seven starters remain on the defense. Cornerback Dee Thomas, who returned two of his team-leading five interceptions for touchdowns, has been moved to free safety. Andree Felder stays put on the other corner. Joey Quinn, Craig Marek, Winfield Bryant, and Paul Melancon comprise the line. Outside linebackers Walter Thibodeaux and Virgil Robertson are back, but Russell Thomas and Travis Moore replace Terrence Cooks and Richard Romero inside. Brian Wilcox averaged 40 yards per punt and dropped 17 inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

SAMFORD

In 1987, coach Terry Bowden inherited a program that had won just six games in the previous three seasons. His first Bulldog team went 9-1 and set a number of Division III records. Samford receives full I-AA status in 1989 after finishing with a 5-6 record against a partial I-AA schedule a year ago.

Bowden must find replacements for center Leland Allen, the offensive MVP, and two of his skill-position players: fullback Shorty Smith (1,263 all-purpose yards) and wideout Tim Richardson. There is an overall lack of depth on both lines, but Lew Sample could move from guard to center, where transfer Mike Brast will get a tryout. Chip Money returns at tackle and Chad Eades earned a job with a good spring. Quarterback Ted Darby threw for 1,773 yards and 13 TDs, but he was held out of most of the spring drills following off-season rotator cuff surgery. Brady Jones will share tailback duties with JC transfer Broderick Hill. Speedy Brian James and Steve Miles are the primary receivers.

Cornerback David Primus is one of seven returning defensive starters. The sophomore intercepted seven passes last season. Free safety Billy Robison joins him in the secondary. Chuck Howard and Craig Conner, the leading tacklers, are the inside linebackers.

with Brian Moore and Jim Moon outside. Tackles Bo-Bo Locke and Ernest Barbee and nose guard Charles Buford comprise the line.

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LOUISIANA STATE

(8-4, 6-1) You have to give coach Mike Archer credit for one thing: he knew how to pick his spots. Though Archer could win only two of five games outside the SEC, he managed to motivate the Bengals well enough to get six wins in seven conference games and earn a share of the league title, the second co-championship for the Tigers in three years. It took one-point wins over Auburn and Alabama to do it, but the man who engineered those victories, quarterback Tom Hodson, is back, and if LSU can rebuild its defense, he might be able to land the Tigers on top again.

Hodson's statistics were actually down last year, but it was not so much what the 6-3, 195-pound senior did; it was when he did it, leading drives in the final two minutes that beat both Alabama and Auburn. The overall numbers were not bad, either: 154 of 293 for 2,074 yards (his third straight 2,000-plus season) and 13 touchdowns.

In addition to Hodson, eight other offensive starters return. All of Hodson's receivers are back, though the best, Tony Moss, was ineligible for spring practice because of academic problems. Still, Moss (55 catches for 957 yards) is expected back in the fall. Also returning are split end Alvin Lee (40-537) and tight end Ronnie Haliburton. Additionally, sprinter Slip Watkins has been moved out of the backfield to augment the pass-catching corps.

Watkins was expendable in the backfield because Harvey Williams, LSU's leading rusher in 1986 and '87, has apparently recovered from major knee surgery that sidelined him for all of 1988. Even if he's not full strength, there is durable Eddie Fuller, who ran for 647 yards and caught passes for 375 more last year, and Calvin Windom. Jay Egloff and senior Victor Jones shared time at fullback and both return. There are three starters back in the line: guards Ruffin Rodrigue, all-SEC, and Jim Hubicza and tackle Robert Packnett. The center position was unsettled after the spring and could be a problem for the Tigers.

There are more holes to fill on defense, where the key may be the development of two young outside linebackers, redshirt freshmen Nigel Ventress and Tyrone Malone. Verge Ausberry, last year's tackle leader, returns, as does sack leader Karl Dunbar at defensive end. Clint James, who also sat out the spring for academic reasons, is back at right end. The nose guard is unsettled, and three new starters will join cornerback Jimmy Young in the secondary; Tony Houston will be one safety, with Corey Raymond likely at the other.

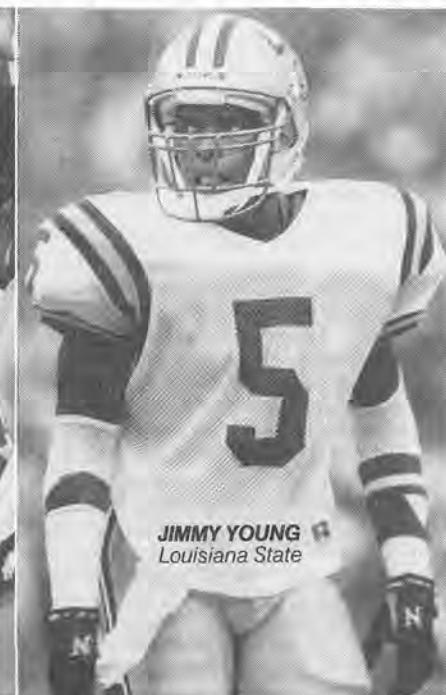
Place-kicker David Browndyke, an all-SEC choice after hitting 19 of 23 field goals, returns for a team that will have no trouble scoring points, only preventing them.

AUBURN

(9-2, 6-1) It's hard to pick against the Tigers in the SEC, even if you are rating them a close second. If any team can be called the team of the '80s in the league, it's Auburn, which has made three trips to the Sugar Bowl in the last seven years. With Vince Dooley's departure at



KARL DUNBAR
Louisiana State



JIMMY YOUNG
Louisiana State

Georgia, Pat Dye is now the league's most successful coach, by most measures. And the Tigers still have quarterback Reggie Slack, who made all-SEC last year, and several other talented players from the deep pool that Dye has stocked. Still, the Tigers lose eight starters from the NCAA's No. 1 defense, including the entire line, and even Dye may find it hard to replace that much talent in one year.

At least the Tiger's won't be without a Rocker. Outland winner Tracy is gone, but younger brother David Rocker, a junior, may pick up right where he left off at defensive tackle. But as Dye notes, "He's virtually the only guy who has played" in the front three. Soph Jon Wilson and redshirt freshman Richard Shea are leaders, but they are a far cry from Benji Roland and Ron Stallworth. Linebacker Craig Ogletree is proven and senior Quentin Riggins, who took advantage of the big line to make a team-leading 120 tackles last year, will anchor the defense. Steve Brown, Wayne Bylsma, and Dunnican Castleberry head a long list of other linebacking possibles. The secondary is also a list of names without many varsity letters attached, except for standout cornerback John Wiley. Dominick Anderson, Dennis Wallace, and cornerback Eric Ramsay round out the unit.

STACY DANLEY
Auburn



It's offense that will carry the Tigers this time, though, and Slack, who completed 60.2 percent of his passes for 2,230 yards, will shoulder the bulk of the offense. He has solid runners behind him in Stacy Danley, who gained 877 yards, and James Joseph (668). The line is proven, with Ed King (280) and John Hudson (260) potential all-SEC players at guard and center, respectively. Rob Selby (254) is a solid tackle and there is young talent at the vacant spots. The fine wide-receiving corps led by Lawyer Tillman was erased by graduation; only one scholarship pass-catcher, Greg Taylor, participated in the spring. Pedro Cherry, a recruiting coup from North Carolina, and Prop 48 Herbert Casey, will both be strong candidates this fall.

Win Lyle is an accurate kicker with all-SEC potential. He's hit over 70 percent of his field goals in the past two years. Chris Dickinson, an untested junior, will be the punter.

ALABAMA

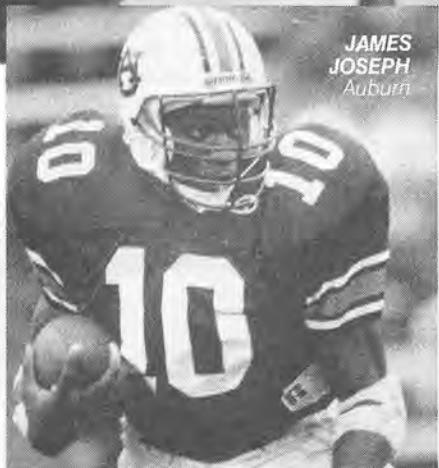
(9-3, 4-3) Is this the new Linebacker U., prepared to usurp that title from Penn State? All evidence indicates that. The Tide has pro-



REGGIE SLACK
Auburn

duced NFL star Cornelius Bennett, first-round draft choice Derrick Thomas, and several others over the past few years. Now comes junior Keith McCants (6-5, 246), who some are calling the best of all. McCants, whom Auburn coach Pat Dye called better than Thomas last season, had 78 tackles and will head a defense which should be the SEC's best, given the reconstruction jobs going on at LSU and Auburn. The Tide returns six starters and 17 other lettermen on defense and should be stronger and faster than ever. But the question for coach Bill Curry, entering the third tempestuous year of his Tide tenure, is, can the offense score enough points to win?

The defense around McCants, who'll play both inside and outside linebacker, should be outstanding. Willie Wyatt is an all-league nose guard and will finally be flanked by full-sized tackles, soph George Thornton (6-4, 280) and senior Thomas Rayam (6-7, 285). There is also depth on the line, with senior Byron Holdbrooks (275) and senior Mike Ramil (266), for the first time in memory. Linebacking has never been a problem in Tuscaloosa. In addition to McCants, Spencer Hammond is a returning starter. Steve Webb is a promising junior on the outside, while William Amelong and redshirt freshman Rodney Helton will join senior speedster Vantreise Davis on the inside. Only cornerback Kermit Kendrick was lost in the secondary, but if Gene Jelks can recover from major knee surgery, then Kendrick will hardly



JAMES JOSEPH
Auburn

be missed. Safeties Lee Ozmint and Charles Gardner return, along with cornerback John Mangum. Ozmint and Mangum were all-SEC honorable mention.

On offense, though, the Tide has much to prove. The line was a headache all spring, though the unit finally seemed to stabilize with soph Scott Bolt and top blocker Terrill Chatman at tackle, Roger Shultz, who moved from center to take one guard spot, Trent Patterson or Chris Robinette at the other guard, and Mike Zuga (245) at center. The tight end is smallish Lamonde Russell (200), a gifted receiver and adequate blocker.

Quarterback Jeff Dunn had a good spring, but doubters still remember 1988, when he hit

just 13 of 39 passes for 195 yards, one touchdown, and five interceptions, slipping to third string by the end of the year. Still, he has big-game experience over the last two years, including wins over Tennessee and LSU. He has no experienced backup, so an injury to Dunn would be disastrous. Alabama has already lost the services of Bobby Humphrey, who passed up a fifth-year opportunity to turn pro. Little Murry Hill (5-7, 180), who gained 778 yards as a junior, returns, but he may be pushed by juco transfer Siran Stacy.

Place-kicker Philip Doyle is strong-legged, but there was big trouble at the punting position, unfilled at the end of spring.

GEORGIA

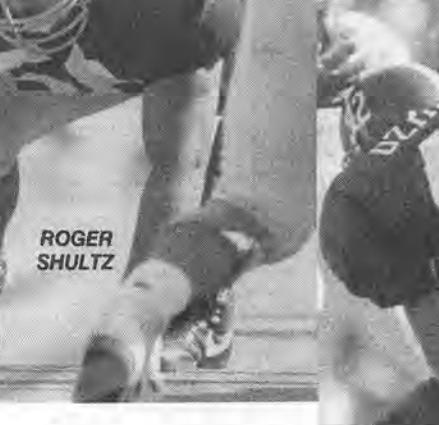
(9-3, 5-2) There will be a new man on the sidelines at Georgia for the first time since the Beatles were a hot new group. Ray Goff steps in to take over for Vince Dooley. But though the names have changed, the playbook will very likely remain highly recognizable: hand



MURRY HILL
Alabama



JEFF DUNN
Alabama



ROGER
SHULTZ



BILL GOLDBERG
Georgia

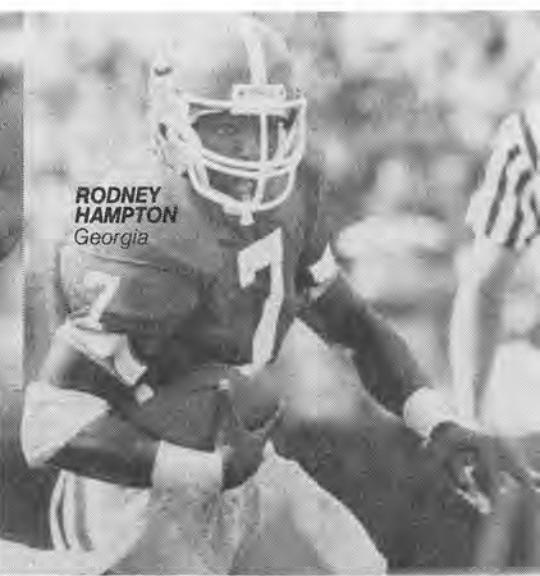
the ball to the tailback, the key to Dooley's success whether it was Herschel Walker or last year's star, Tim Worley.

Worley is not around for Goff's initial campaign. Neither is Keith Henderson, who backed up Worley early last season. Both opted to turn pro instead of spending one more year at Georgia. But as good as they were, Georgia may have a better replacement on hand in Rodney Hampton. "He may have been the best backup tailback in the country last year," said Goff, and he could be right. Hampton, a junior, gained 719 yards on 128 carries and capped it all off by breaking Walker's single-game rushing record with a 290-yard performance against Ole Miss. Barring injury, he's a sure 1,000-yard rusher this fall.

Fullback Alphonso Ellis returns for his junior year, though his role will primarily be that of blocking back. The handoff-back (or quarterback, if you prefer) will likely be settled this fall, though sophomore Greg Talley has the most experience and so figures to be the front-runner. He appeared in all 11 games in 1988, hitting 32 of 54 passes for 469 yards. Freshman Preston Jones will challenge. If Goff does open the offense up, there is sophomore flanker Arthur Marshall, who averaged 31.7 yards on 10 catches last year. Split end will be manned by either Sean Hummings or talented redshirt freshman Rodney McCoy. Recruit Andre Booker could play.

Three starters, paced by all-SEC senior tackle Curt Mull (6-5, 280), return on the line. LeMonte Tellis missed the spring but is expected back at right guard. Will Colley returns at left tackle. Heading into the season, red-shirt freshmen man the other spots: Ryon Roberts at left guard and Ben Lane at center.

There are worries on defense, though the secondary may be the best in the SEC with cornerbacks Ben Smith, an all-star candidate, and Chuck Carswell, who also led the league



RODNEY
HAMPTON
Georgia



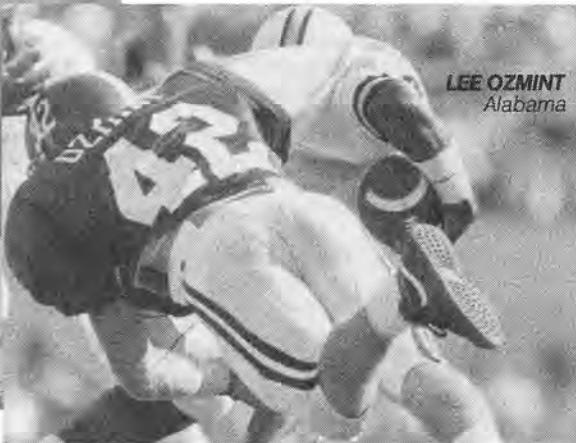
VIRGIL COLE
Georgia

in punt returns last year, and safeties David Hargett and Steve Harmon. Up front, there is talent—senior nose guard Bill Goldberg (266) is topnotch—but depth problems. Hiawatha Berry and Rob Wainwright are likely starters at tackle, though much of Goff's recruiting effort centered on defensive linemen, and freshmen George Brewer and Nicky Pitts may play immediately. The inside linebackers, Demetrius Douglas and unrelated soph Curt Douglas, are solid, but there are question marks on the outside, where Morris Lewis and Norman Cowins have experience but little depth behind them.

The last time Georgia went with an unproven young coach, he went on to last 25 years.

TENNESSEE

(5-6, 3-4) In a sense, 1988 was a season defined by two distinctly different halves for Tennessee. But when you combine the 0-6 start with the 5-0 finish, the result still is not a good one: a losing season, a shaken staff, an unhappy group of alumni, and a critical season facing Johnny Majors. To make things even tougher, record-setting quarterback Jeff Fran-



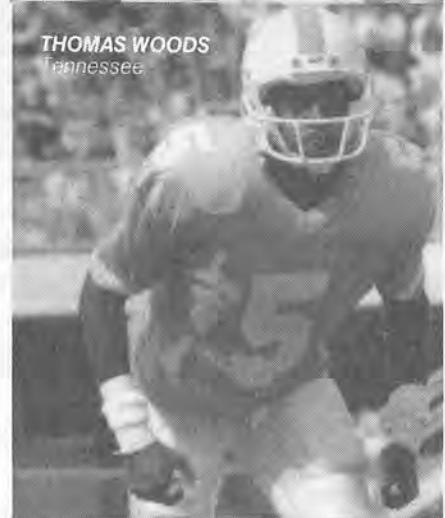
LEE OZMINT
Alabama

cis has graduated and the spring did not provide an answer as to who would replace him. Sterling Henton probably holds a slight edge over sophomore Andy Kelly by virtue of experience, but Henton, who missed all of 1988 with a broken right foot, could still be supplanted.

Regardless of who wins the quarterback job, Tennessee will still find itself in the unusual position of relying on its defense. Nine starters return from a unit that allowed only 12.5 points per game over its last four games. All-American linebacker Keith DeLong will be missed, but only one other linebacking spot



THOMAS WOODS
Tennessee



**TERENCE
CLEVELAND**
Tennessee



needs to be filled, with the line and secondary returning intact. Marion Hobby returns for his third year as a starter, moving from tackle to defensive end, as Tennessee goes to a 4-3 alignment up front. Tracy Hayworth will be the other end, while the tackles are Martin Williams and Mark Moore. Shazzon Bradley, who tried to survive as a 225-pound freshman nose guard last year, will be more suited to his role as a middle linebacker, flanked by Kacy Rodgers and Cedric Kline or Darryl Hardy. Cornerback Preston Warren is the star of a secondary which also returns Keith Denson and safeties Jason Julian and Kelly Days.

Reggie Cobb joined the long list of talented SEC runners who may not be back this fall due to discipline problems, which may crimp the Vol offense. Redshirt freshman Chuck Webb or Tony Thompson will carry the ball most often, with help from 230-pound junior fullback Greg Amsler. The receivers, led by Thomas Woods (58 catches for 689 yards) and Alvin Harper (37 for 487) are fast and good, a UT tradition. Tight end is unsettled, with Mark Adams a slight favorite to start. Eric Still (283) is an all-SEC guard and the best player on a line that needs two new tackles and a center. Antone Davis will move from guard to tackle to ease the problem. Tom Myslinski and Charles McRae are the left guard and tackle, while John Fisher is the center.

If all else fails, Kent Elmore averaged 44.3 yards per punt last season. But with an easier schedule, UT should be able to muster a winning record this time.

KENTUCKY

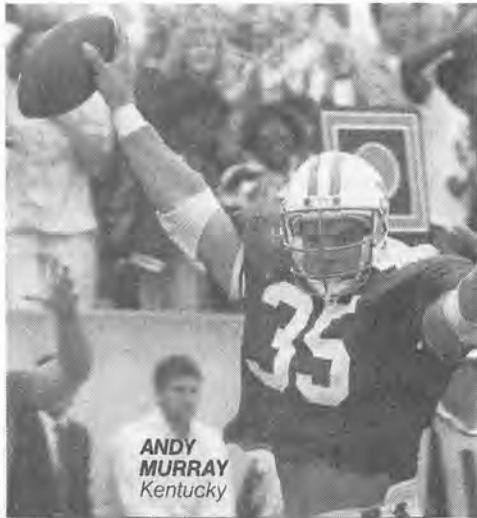
(5-6, 2-5) The Wildcats were the hard-luck team of the league last year, losing to four SEC members (Alabama, LSU, Florida, and Tennessee) by a total of 16 points. Along the way, the 'Cats upset Georgia, and if UK gets its share of breaks to go with 15 returning starters, they may finish higher than sixth for the first time since 1984.

"Experience is definitely a strong point, especially on defense," said Jerry Claiborne, entering his eighth year at Kentucky. "Our main concerns are on offense, establishing a quarterback, and finding a tight end."

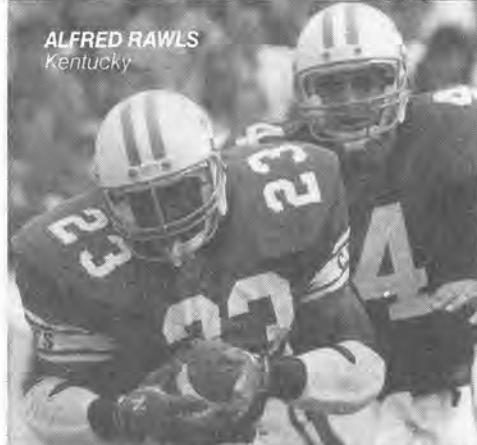
Chuck Broughton, who played in nine games last year, figures to be the quarterback, if only because of experience. He also has nowhere to go except up, since Kentucky was last in the league in total offense. There are several gifted backs, including Alfred Rawls (477 yards) and Al Baker (373 yards), who will share time at tailback. The fullback will be 245-pound senior Andy Murray. Both wide receivers, Alfred Jones and John Bolden, were part-time starters. Tight end Mike Meece has some experience, but he may be beaten out by redshirt freshman Mickey Dean.

One of the toughest blows in a tough-luck season for Kentucky last year was the loss of offensive tackle Mike Pfeifer (6-7, 300) in the fourth game. He returns, along with junior tackle Mike Nord, guards Dean Wilks and Joel Mazzella, and center Brian Cralle. It's the largest line in the SEC.

On defense, where Kentucky hasn't had an All-America since the days of Art Still, there are two players getting that sort of publicity push: senior tackle Oliver Barnett (285) and junior linebacker Randy Holleran. The Barnett-led line may be the strength of this team, as he is coupled with end Tony Massey, a three-



**ANDY
MURRAY**
Kentucky



ALFRED RAWLS
Kentucky



MIKE NORD
Kentucky

year starter, guards Vic Adams and Jerry Bell, and tackle Doug Houser, all returning starters, and another senior, Tony Zigman, in the wide-tackle six alignment. Holleran is the only tested linebacker returning, although senior Craig Benzinger has some experience. Two starters, Ron Robinson and Chris Tolbert, return to the three-man secondary.

Senior place-kicker Ken Willis is back, though there is a void at punter. This is a senior-dominated team, and if Kentucky is ever going to make a move at the upper division, now is the time.

FLORIDA

(7-5, 4-3) As Emmitt goes, the saying is, so go the Gators. Last year, Emmitt Smith went down at mid-season, and Florida almost went with him. This year, Smith will be even more of a one-man show since the NFL claimed most of a talented defensive line, leaving Florida

with seven holes to fill on defense and a lot of questions about coach Galen Hall's future, rumored to be shaky after a 52-17 pasting by in-state rival Florida State.

Hall does have Smith, who gained 988 yards despite missing two games with a knee injury. He had recovered sufficiently by the end of the year to score twice in a 14-10 bowl win over Illinois, and though he missed part of the spring for disciplinary reasons, he'll again be the Gators' star. Even the gifted Smith might have a problem finding holes to run through in the fall, since three of the four missing starters on offense are on the line. Guard Rich Starowesky and tackle John Durden are the returnees.

Both of last year's quarterbacks return, with Kyle Morris, who completed 84 of 167 passes for 1,217 yards (but 13 interceptions and just three TDs) holding the edge on Herbert Perry and a bevy of talented freshmen. The backfield, with powerful Cedric Smith at fullback, is set and the wide receivers are fine ones: senior Stacy Simmons (12 catches for 310 yards, a 25.8 average), back from knee surgery, and junior Tony Lomack (22-276).

The defense, though, is as barren as an undeveloped Florida beach, except for the secondary, where cornerbacks Kerry Watkins and Richard Fain are proven, and at two of four linebacking spots, with Pat Moorer and all-SEC Huey Richardson returning. The other positions are all new. Glen Neely and Brad Culpepper are promising linemen, but there is little depth behind them.

There is even a question as to how much the freshman class will help, since Hall's re-

cruiting efforts were not greeted with rave reviews around Florida. In all, it looks like a hot fall for Hall in the Sunshine State.

MISSISSIPPI

(5-6, 3-4) You won't find the name Randy Baldwin on any preseason All-America lists. You won't be able to search him out among the SEC's statistical leaders from a year ago. But you can expect to hear the name often around Oxford, MS, this fall. Baldwin, a tail-back, is a 220-pound junior-college transfer who may give the Rebels the big-play capability their offense has lacked for so long. "We are going to do a lot of things with Randy Baldwin," said Rebel coach Billy Brewer. "We have not had anyone with his ability to hit the seam and make things happen."

Baldwin's presence will fill a crying need for the Rebels, but there are others to be addressed, particularly at quarterback. John Darnell looks to be the replacement for departed veteran Mark Young, but freshman Bill Lott and redshirt freshman Tom Luke could challenge him. If Baldwin needs a rest, Jim Earl Thomas, who gained 157 yards, is available. The fullback is Ed Thigpen.

The rest of the offense appears set, if a tight end and a pair of tackles can be found from a number of candidates. Wide receivers Willie Green (38 catches for 648 yards) and Reid Hines return. Also back on the line are guards Tim Brown and Jeff Rhodes, along with two-year starter Dawson Pruitt at center. Pat Coleman (17 catches for 419 yards) is the flanker.

Most of the individual stars for Ole Miss are on defense, led by All-America candidate



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Todd Sandroni at free safety. Only a junior, Sandroni has led the league in interceptions in each of his first two years. Last season, he had seven in 10 games to go with 54 tackles. Chauncy Godwin was an all-SEC freshman choice and safety Roger Hancock and cornerback Don Price are also returning starters. Linebacker Tony Bennett, of Alligator, MS, and leading tackler Shawn Cobb also return. Nose guard Kelvin Pritchett, who wasn't even a starter until the fourth game of the year, was the No. 2 tackler.

The Rebels need a place-kicker, but they have one of the league's better punters in Charles Childers (39.4-yard average).

MISSISSIPPI STATE

(1-10, 0-7) In its last 17 games, Mississippi State has won only twice, defeating Ole Miss to end the 1987 season and downing Louisiana Tech to open 1988. The Bulldogs didn't win again last season, though, in a year when many people felt that there was enough talent to make a run at the upper division. Clearly, there was disappointment, so much so that Rockey Felker, in his fourth year, made some major staff changes, notably the addition of former Southern Miss head coach Jim Carmody as defensive coordinator. The Bulldog defense was last in the league, allowing 30.1 points and 409.3 yards per contest.

Things should be better this season, for 19 starters are back. Felker has stuck with a program of redshirting his freshmen, even through the lean years, and there appears to be some depth developing. Quarterbacks Eric Underwood, who played in just two games in 1988, and Tony Shell, who threw for 1,884 yards and 13 touchdowns, return. In fact, all of last year's statistical leaders, except for tailback Hank Phillips, will be back, though not necessarily at last year's positions. Tailback Jesse Anderson (468 yards) is being returned to tight end to make way for several talented young backs, including David Fair, who is coming off a major knee injury. Jerrod Young (237 yards) returns to fullback. Wide receiver Jerry Bouldin (28 catches for 429 yards) is back for his junior season, and all five starters return in the line. Center Tony Robertson is the standout.

While much of the refurbishing will be done on defense, one thing won't change: the role of all-SEC linebacker James Williams, who made a league-high 163 tackles. The entire front four—ends Desmond Bates and Derrel Robertson (who may move to line-backer) and tackles Bill Knight and Bobby Barlow—is back. They'll be augmented by highly touted Demetrius Hill, who sat out 1988 as a redshirt after transferring from junior college. Bo Russell leads an unchanged secondary with free safety Rocky Nabors and corners Eddie Myles and Jerry Myers.

VANDERBILT

(3-8, 2-5) With multi-talented Eric Jones at quarterback last year, you could never be sure just what Vanderbilt's offense was going to do: pass, run, or execute the option. With John Gromos taking over this year, things will not be so mysterious. Vanderbilt will throw early and often. Replacing Jones won't be easy, but Gromos has thrown for 1,770 yards and eight touchdowns in his career. Still, he

won't have Jones's favorite target, Boo Mitchell, to throw to, and there are other concerns as well, particularly on defense, an area which always plagues the Commodores.

"This is probably the youngest team we've had, although it is by far the most talented as well," said coach Watson Brown, who enters his fourth season at his alma mater. There is tailback Anthony Carter, a 200-pounder who has the moves to match his name. Two-year starter Andy McCarroll has been shifted to defense, leaving fullback to Sean Guerin. The receiver spots are wide-open, with Corey Harris, Derrick Gragg, Derrick Payne, and Jeff Mayes all in the hunt. Starter Nabil El Sheshai returns at tight end. The left side of the line, guard Charles Pierson and tackle Greg Smith, also returns. Kevin Brothen figures to be the center, and highly touted Bobby Craycraft will be the other guard.

Defensively, eight starters return. The standouts are middle linebacker DeMond Winston, who made 122 tackles last year, end Mark Wroblewski, who missed the spring with a knee injury, all-SEC freshman Rod Keith at end, and Steve Law at cornerback.

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JACKSONVILLE STATE

(10-2) The Gamecocks return 17 starters from the team that earned a share of the GSC title and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the Division II playoffs. Quarterback David Guldridge threw for 754 yards and five touchdowns and ran for 927 yards and a school-record 16 TDs. He'll be joined in the backfield by Brian Stevenson, Steve Patrick, Shawn Johnson, and Ralph Johnson. The top three wideouts and a pair of tight ends are back, as well as three-year starter Keith Henderson at center. Coach Bill Burgess lost just two regulars from the defense that led the Gulf South Conference in four categories. Orlando "Cheeseburger" Adams keys the line, supported by linebackers Reginald James and Freddy Goodwin and back Eric Davis.



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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

(9-3) John Williams, the dean of GSC coaches, gained a share of the league title and a spot in the Division II playoffs in his 17th season. This year he must rebuild his entire offensive line. His backfield returns intact, led by top rusher Fred McAfee (771 yards), fullback Robert Taylor, and quarterback Wally Henry. Tight end Darin Gordon and three wideouts are back. All-America Terry Fleming anchors a defense that also features Shinall Conway, Roderick Magee, and Bruce Poole.

DELTA STATE

(4-6-1) Second-year coach Don Skelton returns 14 full- or part-time starters from the team that finished in a sixth-place tie in the Gulf South Conference. But the most exciting player could be newcomer Kenny Taylor, a junior college All-America quarterback who passed for over 2,400 yards. Dennis Patterson and Fred Word return in the backfield and Rodney Hughes, Cliff Dew, and Keith Brown in the receiving corps. To get back over .500, the Statesmen must correct a lack of depth in the offensive and defensive lines.

TROY STATE

(4-6) After winning the Division II national championship in 1987, the Trojans endured a disappointing season. Second-year coach Robert Maddox is hoping for a big year from quarterback Bob Godsey, who, after reconstructive knee surgery, passed for 965 yards and ran for 400 more out of the no-huddle wishbone. There is a lack of experienced receivers, but leading rusher Tony Jackson and Tony Young return. Reginald Hutchins and George Coker lead a line so deep that Connie Chesteen and Pat Palmer were shifted to defense. There they'll join corner Doug Mims and end David Summerall, both all-GSC, and JC All-America Randy Fuller.

VALDOSTA STATE

(6-3-1) The Blazers have their work cut out from the start in 1989. They begin their sched-

ule at perennial power Georgia Southern. "It will be a great challenge to open the next two seasons [also in 1990] against a school which has played for the Division I-AA national championship three of the past four years," said coach Mike Cavan (21-9-1 in three years). Cavan must replace two all-league performers, offensive lineman Emmett Phillips and linebacker Jimmy Brookins, but he does have the GSC freshman of the year. Ramon Allen set numerous school records en route to rushing for 780 yards in '88. Leading receiver Randy Fuller (52 catches for 864 yards) and defensive end Robert Morris also return.

UT-MARTIN

(11-2) Don McLeary took over a program in 1986 that had won only three games in two years. But last season's GSC coach of the year returns just one part-time starter on offense and three on defense from the colleague champions. Gone are quarterback Leon Reed and tackle Emanuel McNeil, the conference offensive and defensive players of the year. Mitch Lowery and JC transfer Smacky Brown compete at quarterback, with Scottie Mitchell at running back and Clovis Wright and Kowalski Bynum in the receiving corps. Todd White and Michael Matthews are in the defensive line. Benny Thompson is a three-year starter at cornerback.

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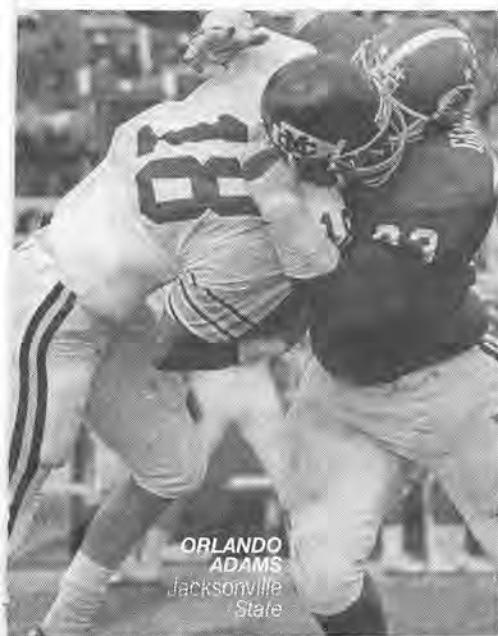
(4-6) Mac McWhorter, the top assistant to Bill Curry at Alabama the past two years, is the Braves' new head coach. He faces a schedule that features seven road games, including one with I-AA national runner-up Georgia Southern. Fullback Brooks Benton, the leading rusher (856 yards) returns, as do linemen Shane Brown and Mark Sonenschein. Kevin Ayers and redshirt freshman Mike Gwyn are the quarterbacks. The defense is led by safety Al Thomas, linebacker Chas Hardy, and linemen Charles Kidd and Jason McBride.

NORTH ALABAMA

(2-8) The Lions captured three GSC titles in the 1980s, but coach Bobby Wallace must get a better effort from a defense that surrendered over 28 points per game and from an offense that suffered 29 interceptions and 21 fumbles. All-conference tight end Bennie Jennings returns, as does flanker Troy Nelson. Mark Humphrey, a transfer from Auburn who played running back at UNA in '88, will compete with Craig Bryant for quarterback. James Davis set a school record with 156 tackles. He'll be joined at linebacker by Felix Baxter and Ambria Fleming. Phil Drummond and Myron Miller return in the secondary and Malcolm Hall and Henry Thomas in the line.

LIVINGSTON

(0-11) Coach Sam McCorkle will try to put the bite back into the Tigers with 12 returning starters. All-America outside linebacker Steve Hyche must be replaced, but inside backer Derrick Gunnerson is still around, as are ends Roy Campbell and Brent Chastang and backs Tony Brown and Michael Griggs. Jon Gant takes over at quarterback, joined in the backfield by Brad Shaw and Shay Oliver. Hunter Burns, David Kelly, and Keith Henderson are in the line and Willie Ivy is the split end.



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The epidemic that sweeps the state of South Carolina every fall is called football fever. It gets worse each year, and there is no known cure. An invasion of 80,000 turns the small town of Clemson into a sea of orange every football Saturday. Another 75,000—these clad mostly in black—descend on Columbia and the University of South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium.

And, my goodness, this is a hard lot to please. Those folks in orange wish their man, coach Danny Ford, would jazz up his game plans just a bit. His 86-27-4 record over 10 seasons isn't good enough? It's not that. They would just like to see a bit of razzle-dazzle now and then, and see some big numbers on

the scoreboard against outmanned opposition. Rodney Williams, who merely steered the Tigers to three straight Atlantic Coast Conference titles, three major bowl wins, and three top 20 finishes, will be remembered for what? Perhaps the winningest quarterback in Clemson history? Nah. They'll remember the subpar days, especially against N.C. State.

Those other guys, the ones who wear black, have the idea that "somebody is always out to get us." It's either the game officials or the NCAA or the media. The school err? Perish the thought. But long-time observers—cynics, some might say—know that every good thing by the Gamecocks is a prelude to disaster. The Chicken Curse, they call it. Did USC's 6-0 start and No. 8 national ranking in 1988 impress them? Just wait, they advised. Sure enough, that glorious start disappeared amid a sputtering offense spiced by a drug scandal. The 59-0 loss to Florida State, on national cable TV, illustrates the Curse at its best.

With another season at hand, it's business

as usual. The fans have that twitch, a sure symptom of the fever. Clemson is favored to rule the ACC again, and the Gamecocks—despite all their problems—expect to be the region's best independent. For good measure, Furman is favored to win the Southern Conference crown, giving the Palmetto State a hat trick in championships. Don't forget about South Carolina State. Willie Jeffries, who put the Bulldogs' program on the map in the mid-1970s, is back in an effort to revive a sagging program. Don't be surprised to see the epidemic spread there. It's contagious.

Clemson coach Danny Ford would like to cop a plea of poverty, stressing the loss of 13 starters. Rivals disagree, pointing to the Tigers' strengths: a dynamite tailback who could become the school's career rushing leader midway through his junior season, a bunch of outstanding linebackers, and lots of experienced personnel from one of the nation's best defenses. Mention a fourth straight ACC title and Ford responds, "Oh, I don't see how. I get kinda scared when I read the statistics." Maryland coach Joe Krivak, speaking for the opposition, sees parity among seven ACC teams, "but Clemson is still head and shoulders above everybody else. We're all just trying to catch up."

If any ACC team catches Clemson this season, it likely will be Virginia. Virginia? The team that is 0-28 against Clemson? Yep, that's the one. The Cavaliers are armed with 18 returning starters and the league's best quarterback, Shawn Moore. N.C. State is a possibility, too, if for no other reason its success against Clemson. The Wolfpack has beaten the Tigers three straight years.

South Carolina starts anew under Sparky Woods, who took over the Gamecocks' program when Joe Morrison died after suffering a heart attack in February. With a revamped coaching staff, the seniors will be playing for their third offensive and defensive coordinators in four years. That makes it tough on continuity, and fitting the personnel into the system could be a problem. Senior quarterback Todd Ellis, with 8,579 yards passing but 64 interceptions, says, "It's also a fresh start, and that might not be so bad."

Furman figured to rebuild in 1988. The Paladins won the I-AA national championship instead. Now, with 15 regulars returning from the title team, this is a season of great expectations. No wonder they're a solid choice to win the Southern Conference.

About the only thing that was certain in last season's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football race was that nothing was certain. Preseason favorite Howard finished 7-4, but stumbled a bit within the conference and came home tied for fourth. And after Florida A&M and Delaware State were penalized for using ineligible players during victories, Bethune-Cookman came from out of nowhere to claim the title.

This year, rate Florida A&M and Delaware State the early favorites. Howard and Bethune-Cook have some slots to fill but are still

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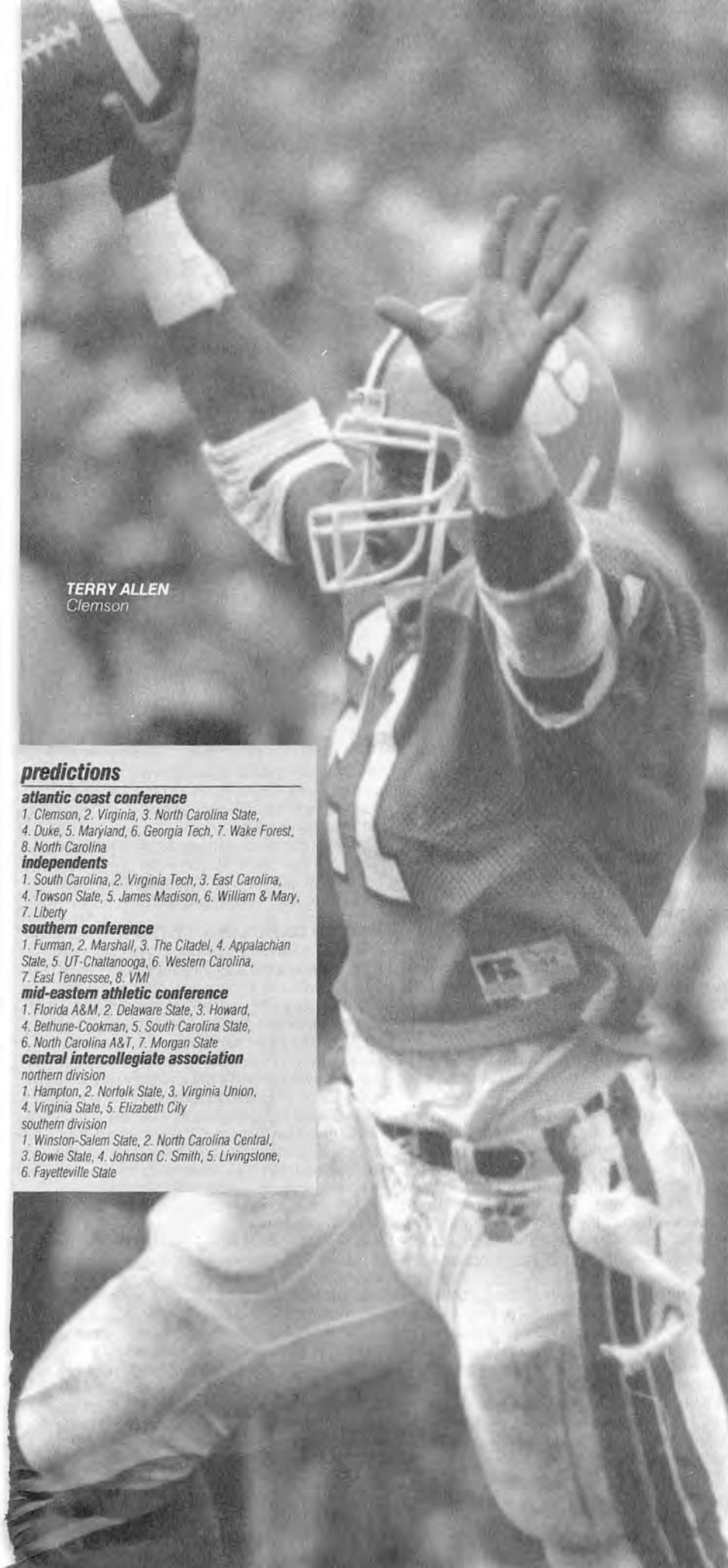
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1. Clemson, 2. Virginia, 3. North Carolina State,
4. Duke, 5. Maryland, 6. Georgia Tech, 7. Wake Forest,
8. North Carolina

independents

1. South Carolina, 2. Virginia Tech, 3. East Carolina,
4. Towson State, 5. James Madison, 6. William & Mary,
7. Liberty

southern conference

1. Furman, 2. Marshall, 3. The Citadel, 4. Appalachian State, 5. UT-Chattanooga, 6. Western Carolina,
7. East Tennessee, 8. VMI

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1. Florida A&M, 2. Delaware State, 3. Howard,
4. Bethune-Cookman, 5. South Carolina State,
6. North Carolina A&T, 7. Morgan State

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1. Hampton, 2. Norfolk State, 3. Virginia Union,
4. Virginia State, 5. Elizabeth City

southern division

1. Winston-Salem State, 2. North Carolina Central,
3. Bowie State, 4. Johnson C. Smith, 5. Livingstone,
6. Fayetteville State

dangerous, while South Carolina State and North Carolina A&T should be improved. Morgan State will hope to take another step forward in a slow, deliberate rebuilding process.

Almost nothing comes easy in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Both the Northern and Southern Divisions are filled with dogfights from the beginning of the season to the finish. This year will be no different.

Winston-Salem State has survived the Southern Division and captured the CIAA championship for the past two seasons. It has plenty of skill-position people back and may have the potential to repeat, but there are other teams, namely North Carolina Central and Bowie State, striving to topple them. "You always have to consider Winston," said Central coach Henry Lattimore. "There are other teams that showed a great deal of improvement, like Bowie and [Johnson C.] Smith, but the powers are still going to be there. They're not going to stop playing football just because the other teams are getting better."

Last year's Northern Division teams were youthful but very talented. That talent is now a year older and more experienced. It all adds up to another season of intense competition. Hampton is the early choice, but don't count out Virginia Union or Norfolk State. The latter, after two losing seasons and 1988's 5-5 record, is due to make a strong push for the top. And despite the presence of those three teams, it was Virginia State that walked away with the Northern title last year.

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CLEMSON

(10-2) Mention the 1989 football season to Danny Ford, and the Clemson coach sees nothing but peril for his Tigers. Never mind that among Division I-A teams, only Clemson can claim a conference championship, a bowl victory, and a spot in the final top 20 ranking in each of the past three seasons. Never mind that 11 starters are among the 43 lettermen returning from the squad that celebrated the advent of 1989 by whipping Oklahoma in the Citrus Bowl. Or that the veterans include junior tailback Terry Allen, already a two-time all-ACC choice and on his way to rewriting the school record book for rushing. And forget that seven regulars are back from the unit that ranked in the top 15 in rushing, scoring, and total defense.

Instead, Ford focuses on potential trouble spots. He points to an unsettled situation at quarterback, to the loss of three of the five interior offensive linemen and all but one defensive linemen. In all, 35 lettermen are missing, the most at Clemson since 1985. "That's worrisome," he says. "That was that 6-6 year." Certainly, 6-6 records are the exception at Clemson. In 10 seasons under Ford, the Tigers are 86-27-4 and 51-13-1 vs. ACC foes. They've won five league titles, including the last three, and have made seven bowl trips.

"As we all thought, Clemson was head and shoulders above everybody else," Maryland

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coach Joe Krivak said. "I've got to believe it's going to be the same situation this year."

Fans want to know who will start at quarterback, but Ford is more concerned about the offensive line. "I'd rather be good up front," he says. Eric Harmon and Jeb Flesch return at the guards, and Hank Phillips probably will start at center. Stacy Long is the most experienced tackle. Redshirt freshman Michael Carr, who arrived with glittering credentials, is the obvious choice at quarterback. But he's talked of transferring, and Ford's patience is wearing thin. "He needs to decide if he wants to be a football player," said the coach. Senior Chris Morocco (one start, 23 pass attempts in three years) and sophomore DeChane Cameron are the other candidates.

Whoever wins the job will spend a lot of time handing off to Allen, who has rushed for 2,165 yards and scored 18 touchdowns in two years. His 94 yards per-game average is the best in Clemson history. Wesley McFadden, a former tailback, will start at fullback. Gary Cooper heads the receiving corps that spends most of its time blocking.

Defense, the Tigers' pride and joy, will be anchored by linebackers Ed McDaniels, who led the '88 team in tackles as a freshman, and Doug Brewster. They'll be challenged by Vince Taylor, a starter in 1986 and '87, and Dorian Mariable, MVP of the '87 Citrus Bowl. Levon Kirkland and John Johnson take care of the outside linebacker posts. Vance Hammond, a starter in '88, and Otis Moore will fill the tackle spots, but all-ACC Mark Drag must be replaced at middle guard. Despite the loss of Donnell Woolford (a first-round draft pick by the Chicago Bears), the secondary is formidable with free safety James Lott the key.

Kicking? Chris Gardocki handles the punting and placements. He averaged 42.7 yards a punt and made 19 of 32 field goals.

PHIL THOMAS
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VIRGINIA

(7-4) The Cavaliers' football history is littered with so many best forgotten facts that it's difficult to believe they have two straight second-place finishes in the ACC race. But it's true. And Virginia, which had enjoyed a winning record only twice in the 31 seasons before coach George Welsh arrived in 1982, has posted five winning marks in the last six years.

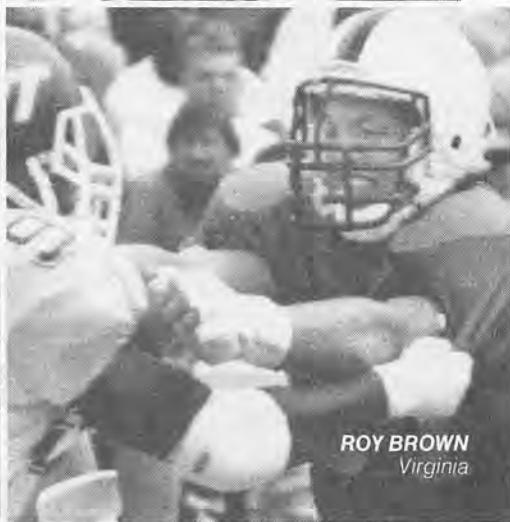
Yet, one stigma remains. Clemson. The Cavaliers will never get higher than second



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place until they erase one of those nasty negatives sportswriters tend to remember. Virginia is 0-28 against the Tigers. They had Clemson down, 7-3, late, in 1988. But the Tigers mounted a long scoring drive in the final minutes thanks to blown pass coverage.

Welsh doesn't know if the Cavaliers can ever hope to play Clemson better defensively, but he's got a lot of the same folks back: nine starters on defense, nine on offense. He'll find out early about this team. The Cavaliers face Notre Dame in the Kickoff Classic.

The defense will be missing inside linebackers Jeff Lageman, the New York Jets' first-round draft pick, and David Griggs. They finished 1-2 in tackles. Phil Thomas, who saw enough playing time to finish fourth in tackles, will fill one spot, and junior Mike Smith is the top candidate at the other. End Ray Savage anchors the line, and free safety Keith McMeans heads the secondary that returns intact. Tyrone Lewis starts at strong safety and Tony Covington and Jason Wallace are the cornerbacks.

The offense begins with quarterback Shawn Moore, who set a school record for total offense with 2,526 yards. He completed half of his 282 passes for 2,158 yards and 15 TDs. He also rushed for 368 yards and 10 TDs. Opponents don't dare think how much better he'll be with a season of experience under his belt. Three-year starter Roy Brown, an all-ACC guard, leads the line. Junior Marcus Wilson (429 yards) led the team in rushing for the

second time despite missing five games with a knee injury. Three of the top four receivers, headed by Herman Moore, return.

Is this the year?

"We've got a lot of people back," Welsh said, "but that doesn't mean we're going to be better." No, but it's a pretty good omen, good enough to dream of beating Clemson.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(8-3-1) If the Wolfpack could handle other ACC members the way they handle Clemson, they would have a monopoly on the championship trophy. N.C. State has handed Clemson its only three conference setbacks since 1985. On the other hand, State can't beat Virginia at all, and their history under Dick Sheridan is to swoon at the most unexpected times.

Speaking of Sheridan, many are surprised that he's still in Raleigh. Just this past winter, he turned down more lucrative offers from both Georgia and South Carolina to finish the work he came to N.C. State to do three years ago. His work so far (20-13-1 and two bowl appearances) is certainly solid, and he will have 10 regulars returning from an 8-3-1 team that nipped Iowa in the Peach Bowl. Seven replacements must be found for the unit that led the league and placed eighth nationally in total defense. State ranked fifth nationally in scoring defense and sixth against the rush.

Two all-ACC performers, sophomore strong safety Jesse Campbell and senior tackle Ray Agnew, anchor the defense. Campbell, voted the league's best freshman, led the Wolfpack in tackles (86), tackles for loss (12), interceptions (5), and passes broken up (11). Junior tackle Mike Jones joins Agnew in fortifying the line. The two combined for 11 sacks.

Six experienced starters should mean State's offense will be improved. The Wolfpack averaged only 150 yards a game on the ground in '88. Both quarterbacks, runner Charles Davenport and passer Shane Montgomery, return. Davenport, who started the last three games, passed for 250 yards and rushed for 142 and three TDs. Montgomery completed 123 of 198 passes for 1,522 yards and eight TDs. Soph Tyrone Jackson (464 yards) leads four veterans at tailback. The receiving corps could be a trouble spot. Four members, including all-ACC Nasrallah Worthen (55 receptions, 856 yards, 7 TDs) and Danny Peebles (23-436), are missing.

DUKE

(7-3-1) Learning that sportswriters who cover ACC football had placed his team near the bottom in 1988 preseason forecasts, Duke coach Steve Spurrier screamed foul. How could they do that? Don't we have a lot of experienced personnel from a 5-6 team? We'll show 'em, he vowed.

Spurrier and the Blue Devils did just that. They won their first five, finished 7-3-1 overall, and came within what Spurrier labeled "a questionable call" in a 43-43 tie with N.C. State from earning a bowl invitation. The school's best record in 26 years earned Spurrier the league's coach of the year award.

Are the pollsters convinced? We'll see. But even though quarterback Anthony Dilweg, who passed for 3,824 yards and 24 TDs, is among the missing, it will take a brave forecaster to predict tough times for the Blue Devils. Eight starters return on each unit, and Duke might have the nation's best receiver in Clarkston Hines.

Obviously, replacing Dilweg is a priority, but it's not necessarily No. 1. "We've been lousy on defense for two years," Spurrier admitted, "and defense will be the key this season." The Duke staff tinkered with the defense in an effort to "find what better suits our personnel. [We hope] that will show up on the field, because we cannot afford to give up as many points (324—the same number they scored) as we did last year and expect to win," said Spurrier.

Seniors Anthony Allen (tackle), John Howell (linebacker), and John McDonald (end) join junior free safety Erwin Sampson in leading the defense. Sampson was first on the squad with 150 tackles, including 20 against N.C. State and 19 against Clemson.

Billy Ray, a transfer from Alabama, could be the answer at quarterback. But whoever takes the snaps will look for record-breaking receiver Hines (68 catches for 1,067 yards and 10 TDs). "He can do so many things," Spurrier said. "He's an exciting player." But he's not all the offense. Senior tailback Roger Boone has led the league in receptions for two straight years (73 for 630 yards in '88), and he ranked No. 1 in the league in all-purpose yardage with 133.3 yards per game. He also rushed for 836 yards—the fourth-best in Duke history. Tight end Dave Colonna, an all-ACC performer, caught 34 passes for 524 yards.

The presence of those 15 regulars makes the schedule a bit more acceptable. The Terps' offense should be particularly difficult to handle. Nine starters return, with quarterback Neil O'Donnell the top threat. O'Donnell passed for 1,973 yards and 12 TDs. He will not be among strangers in the backfield, for the top four rushers return. Atop the list is Ricky Johnson (635 yards). Mike Beasley (528), Bren Lowery, and Dennis Spinelli complete the picture.

Clarence Jones and Ken Oberle return at tackle, the deepest position on the line. It's so deep, in fact, that Jones tried his hand at defense during the spring. Permanent? Maybe. Mark Agent returns at center, joining the backs in the I-formation to complete what Krivak likes to call "a-strong-up-the-middle" group. Wide receiver Dean Green will make foes cringe with his 4.3 speed in the 40.

Defense is another story. Most of the secondary and some linemen must be replaced. But maybe that's not all bad. The Terps, you see, surrendered 409 yards per game. "We need to jump a notch with our defense," Krivak said. "With three of our four regulars back at linebacker, we should have more maturity." Karl Edwards and Jack Bradford are the outside backers. Scott Saylor, Scott Whittier, and Glenn Page handle the inside duties. Larry Webster emerged late in the season at tackle and will be counted on to anchor the front. Rich Fleece is solid at middle guard. The corners are almost totally inexperienced, but Kevin Fowlkes can be outstanding at safety.

The absence of Dan Plocki leaves a huge hole at place-kicker.

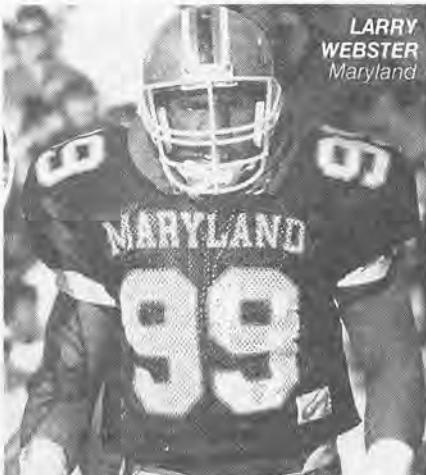
GEORGIA TECH

(3-8) In guiding Maryland to three straight ACC titles, Bobby Ross discovered life at the top. Now he's getting the opposite view. His two Georgia Tech teams have won five games—only one against a Division I-A opponent and none in the league. "We've made improvement that our record did not reflect," Ross said. "In six of our losses, the game went down to our last offensive series. If we score on those occasions, our record is reversed." Ross likes the chances of offensive improvement. Practically everybody returns, and, said Ross, "We can start the year being better at every offensive position."

The No. 1 priority is quarterback. Sophomore Lee Williamson started the beginning of the '88 season and thus has an edge in experience. Paul Bowman, a transfer from Navy, is the best passer. Redshirt freshman Shawn Jones is considered the best athlete and classmate Jeff Howard the most intelligent.

"We need somebody to become a big-play guy, somebody to get us into the end zone," Ross said. With the offensive unit returning virtually intact, Ross expects to abandon his conservative attacks. "We're going to play a looser game and get more things in our offense," he said. Jerry Mays, who finished third in the league in rushing with 942 yards despite facing stacked defenses, will certainly welcome the change.

The Yellow Jackets scored more points than they surrendered, which speaks volumes for the defense. Tech tallied 200, yielded 194. "We played well enough to win just about every game defensively," said Ross. "The defense held up well considering they weren't getting any help from the offense."



LARRY
WEBSTER
Maryland



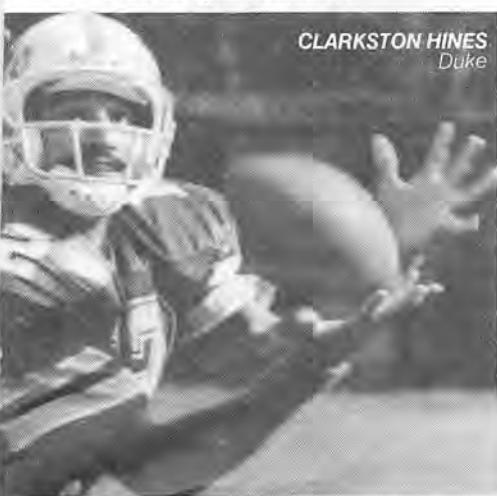
BREN
LOWERY
Maryland

Center Carey Metts and tackle Chris Port, an all-ACC choice, anchor the line that permitted only 18 sacks on 496 passing plays. And if the offense should stall, place-kicker Doug Peterson, already the school's career scoring leader, is reliable. He's made 30 of 33 field goals from inside the 40.

MARYLAND

(5-6) The Terps won four games in their first season under Joe Krivak and five in the second. With 15 starters returning this fall, the progression figures to continue. Not necessarily so, says Krivak, who points to the schedule. Maryland's non-conference dates include West Virginia, Michigan, and Penn State. And two of the ACC's best, N.C. State and Clemson, come early. "The schedule is almost prohibitive," Krivak said. "It has to be one of the toughest in the nation."

CLARKSTON HINES
Duke





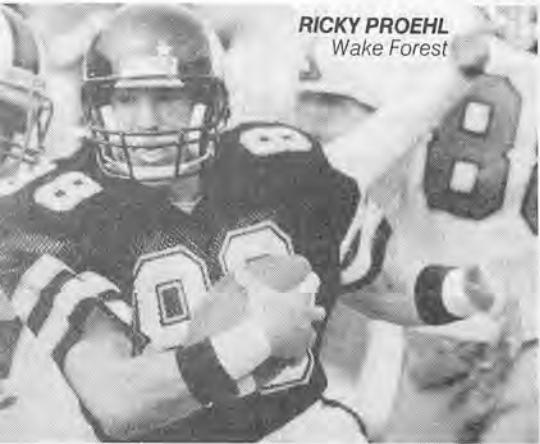
GREG LESTER
Georgia Tech

Although five regulars are gone, that defense could be improved. Seven linemen, all with playing time, return, and Ross is particularly pleased with his tackles: Willie Burks and Sean Smith. Eric Thomas and Jerrelle Williams could be a formidable duo at inside linebacker, and Marco Coleman could fill a gaping hole at outside linebacker. The secondary, led by safety Thomas Balkom, is sound.

"The whole key is how we develop on offense," Ross said. "In particular, how we develop at quarterback."

WAKE FOREST

(6-4-1) Football success and Wake Forest University are not exactly synonymous. Thus, the Deacons will be battling history this fall in search of a third consecutive winning season. Before Bill Dooley steered Wake to 7-4 and 6-4-1 marks in his only two years at the helm, the



RICKY PROEHL
Wake Forest

Deacons last accomplished that feat in 1970-71. Prior to that? 1951-52.

Wake fans should not get their hopes up for a hat trick. The man chiefly responsible for that success is gone. Quarterback Mike Elkins, the school's career passing and total-offense leader, moved to the pros, and replacing him will be no small chore. "Color us green in a number of areas," Dooley said. "We lost Elkins, two of our leaders on the offensive line, an excellent receiver and three starters in the secondary."

Wake finished spring drills with some questions still unanswered. Among them: Will junior Phil Barnhill or sophomore Greg Long get the call at quarterback? They battled neck and neck, but Long missed some practice time with a broken thumb. The winner of the quarterback derby will have excellent targets

in wingback Ricky Proehl (51 receptions, 845 yards, 8 TDs) and Steve Brown (37-509). Tackle Robbie Lingerfelt, the squad's top offensive lineman, moved to guard in the spring, and Lou Altobelli took over the vacant tackle spot. Guard Rod Ferguson and center Tony Mayberry are proven. The top rushers, Mark Young (711 yards) and Tony Rogers (448), are back at tailback, and Brian Johnson is back at fullback. The offensive scheme could develop into the more conservative style that Dooley used successfully at North Carolina and Virginia Tech.

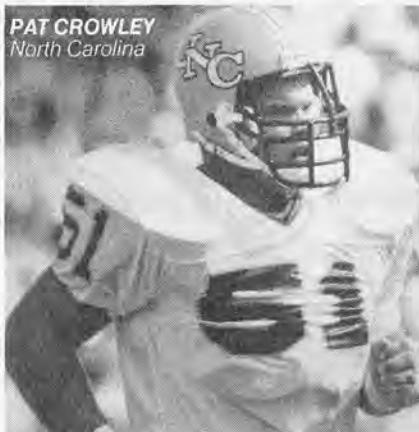
On defense, the secondary suffered especially tough losses. Gone are three-year starters Ernie Purnsley and Tony Mosley and two-time all-conference A.J. Greene. Tackle Marvin Mitchell and middle guard Terry Smith solidify the line, and linebackers Warren Belin and Rodney Hogue are veterans.

"There's still a lot of work to do defensively," Dooley admitted.

NORTH CAROLINA

(1-10) Dick Crum and his 72-41-3 record were chased out of Chapel Hill and Mack Brown was hired to put some excitement into Carolina football. The new coach did do one thing different: He guided the Tar Heels to their worst record in this century. The Tar Heels did establish some consistency. They finished next-to-last in the ACC in total offense and scoring offense and last in total defense and scoring defense. They beat only Georgia Tech and finished next-to-last in the standings.

Hopes for significant improvement depend on the development of the offense, where four regulars return. Four of the five starters on the



PAT CROWLEY
North Carolina



KENNARD MARTIN
North Carolina

interior line are gone, and a decision on a quarterback must be made.

"But the most important thing we have to do is to get our players to have a better self-image of themselves and gain confidence," Brown said. A difference in schedules might provide that morale booster. UNC opened the '88 season with one-sided losses to South Carolina, Auburn, and Oklahoma among its first four games. This year's slate begins with Virginia Military, Kentucky, N.C. State, and Navy. "Those early games killed any confidence we might have had," Brown claimed.

Brown hopes to have a stronger, faster, and more confident squad this fall. Leading the offense will be two all-ACC performers: guard Pat Crowley and tailback Kennard Martin, the league's leading rusher (1,146 yards). The 6-3, 280-pound Crowley could become only the second offensive lineman to make all-ACC three times. "We've got to re-establish the running game, because we lost so many linemen," Brown said. "At the same time, we've got to throw the ball better. We've got to have better balance; we don't have the size to knock people off the line." Senior Jonathan Hall and sophomores Deems May and Todd Burnett divided time at quarterback with Burnett starting the final five games.

The defensive picture is brighter with eight regulars on hand. Those forced into action before they were really ready should now profit from the experience. Tackles Cecil Gray and Roy Barker will anchor the line, and the top tacklers—Dwight Hollier and Bernard Timmons—return at inside linebackers. The secondary is wide-open although sometime-starters are available at every position.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

(8-4) Any University of South Carolina fan knows that success by the Gamecocks is a prelude to disaster. The 1988 season is a classic example. The Gamecocks went from 6-0 and the No. 8 spot in the Associated Press rankings to a program ripped asunder by allegations of drug use. A federal grand jury would indict four former coaches on steroid-related charges. A touted offense disappeared. USC went 2-4 in its last six games, being outscored 171-62 in that stretch. Then, head coach Joe Morrison died after suffering a heart attack in February.

Sparky Woods, who built Appalachian State's program into Division I-AA prominence, is the new coach. He inherits nine starters on offense, six on defense, and both specialists. But the seniors will be playing their third system, which does not speak well for continuity. Quarterback Todd Ellis, who has thrown for 8,579 yards in three seasons, started spring practice "feeling a lot like I did as a freshman, walking around and not knowing what was going to happen from day to day... But it's also a fresh start, and that might not be so bad."

Indeed, USC's offense in general and Ellis in particular could use a fresh start. The offense struggled under new coordinator Al Groh's pro-style attack in 1988, accounting for only two touchdowns in the final six games. For the year, the defense and special teams scored five of the Gamecocks' 25 TDs. Woods will use an I-formation attack, but whether the personnel on hand can make it work remains



TODD ELLIS
South Carolina

to be seen. "We're thin in a lot of areas on the offensive and defensive lines," Woods said. "We don't have the big kids to protect the runners and passers."

Ellis gives the Gamecocks an explosive but erratic quarterback. He's passed for over 300 yards nine times, but he's also thrown 67 interceptions. No matter what the numbers, he remains USC's No. 1 weapon. Sophomore Robert Brooks (34 receptions, 508 yards) and junior Carl Platt (34, 460) head a solid receiving corps, and Harold Green, Keith Bing, and Mike Dingle form a fine group of running backs. Green rushed for 1,022 yards in 1987 before falling to 606 in an injury-plagued '88.

The defense needs major remodeling. After befuddling foes with blitzes for a year and a half, the Gamecocks ran out of magic. Georgia Tech and Indiana both scored 34 points, and Florida State 59 against USC. Middle guard Kurt Wilson, end Corey Miller, and linebacker Robert Gibson head the cast up front; strong safety Scott Windsor and cornerback Stephane Williams anchor the secondary.

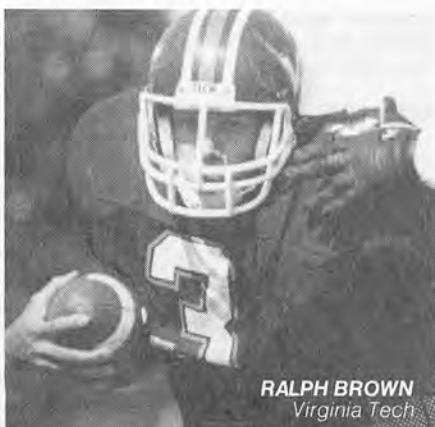
A decided plus is junior kicker Collin Mackie, who needs eight points to become the school's career scoring leader. He's 63-for-63 on PATs and 44-for-57 on field goals.

VIRGINIA TECH

(3-8) After only five victories and a bunch of frustrations to show for 22 games over his two seasons back in Blacksburg, Frank Beamer believes his Hokies are ready to settle some scores this fall. "We came close to getting over the hump in a number of games last season," he said. "With added maturity, we expect to get over that hump."

Veterans are everywhere. All the starters return on defense, and only three spots must be plugged on offense. Perhaps the biggest boost will come from the year's experience gained by sophomore quarterback Will Furrer. A 6-3, 195-pounder, he redshirted in 1987 before taking over last season and throwing for 1,384 yards and six touchdowns. Beamer believes the trial-by-fire will mean a reduction in his 16 interceptions.

Myron Richardson (36 receptions, 583 yards) and Nick Cullen (24, 271) head the wide receivers; Ken Barefoot and Brian McCall are experienced at tight end. Guards Glenn Watts and Skip Pavlik return in the line, and the running game should be improved. Ralph Brown rushed for 514 yards and four TDs last season, and Jon Jeffries has gained 982 yards in two years.



RALPH BROWN
Virginia Tech



HAROLD GREEN
South Carolina

Tackles Horacio Moronta (280 pounds) and Scott Hill (275), each of whom recorded seven sacks, anchor the defense. The linebackers are solid with Randy Cockrell and Don Stokes inside and Jock Jones and Sean Lucas outside. Cornerbacks Roger Brown and John Granby headline the secondary that intercepted 19 passes.

The Hokies played six teams that went to bowls last season and will face another difficult schedule, which includes Florida State, West Virginia, and Clemson, this fall. "For two years, we've played some of the best teams in the country," Beamer said. "You become one of the best by playing the best, and that's what we hope to do in the future."

One of the best? Probably not this year. But the Hokies will be improved as that experience starts to pay dividends.

EAST CAROLINA

(3-8) Consecutive games against West Virginia, Florida State, Syracuse, and Miami almost certainly guarantees a poor record and sometimes guarantees a new coach. The Pirates faced that challenge last October, going 0-4 and being outscored, 144-52. Exit Art Baker. And enter Bill Lewis, who left the defensive coordinator's post at the University of Georgia to accept the challenge at East Carolina. He



TRAVIS HUNTER
East Carolina

talks of building on the same concepts that served so well with the Bulldogs, but he's not building with Georgia-caliber players. He inherits a defense that surrendered 390 yards and 30 points a game.

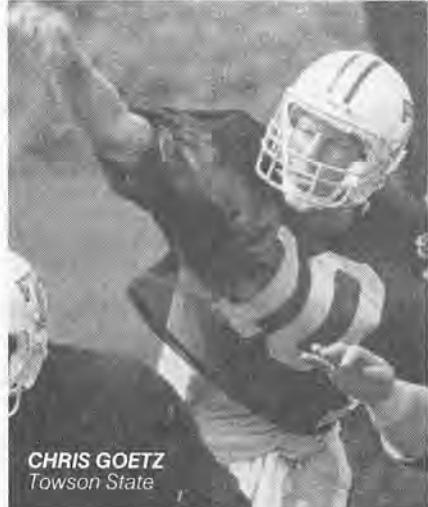
Lewis called the offensive line his most consistent group. The unit is anchored by tackles Grant Lowe (6-5, 270) and Todd Drugac (6-3, 285) and guard Stewart Southall (6-1, 265). Travis Hunter earned the starting quarterback job, and the coach is satisfied with tailbacks Willie Lewis and Denell Harper and fullbacks Michael Rhett and David Daniels. However, their statistics are not sparkling, and Lewis notes the lack of "big-play potential."

"The offense will basically be tailback-oriented," Lewis said. "But we want balance; we have to be able to throw." Hunter completed only 44.1 percent of his passes for 829 yards. Lewis likes the potential of his receivers, but he sees the need for more consistency.

The linebacking consists of Robert Jones and Ken Burnette inside and James Singletary and Anthony Thompson outside. Burnette led the corps in the spring, and Lewis believes Singletary "could be a dominant football player." Thompson, one of several players to switch positions, moved from the inside. Tackles Joe Holmes and Mike Applewhite won Lewis's approval during the spring. Free safety Junior Robinson leads the secondary.

TOWSON STATE

(5-5) Although all-star tailback Dave Meggett is among the missing, the Tigers look for significant improvement this season—their 18th under coach Phil Albert and their third in Division I-AA. Meggett, I-AA's top player in 1988 and the New York Giants' fifth-round draft choice, leaves big shoes to fill. He rushed for 844 yards and 12 touchdowns, caught 25 passes for 216 yards, and led the nation in kickoff returns with a 32.2-yard average.



CHRIS GOETZ
Towson State

But 15 starters return, and the lack of consistency that hurt in 1988 should be only a memory. Optimism is hard to suppress. Quarterback Chris Goetz, beginning his junior season with over 4,500 yards passing, heads the veteran starters. The three top receivers return, with Mike Smith (52 receptions for 1,056 yards and 10 TDs) the prime target.

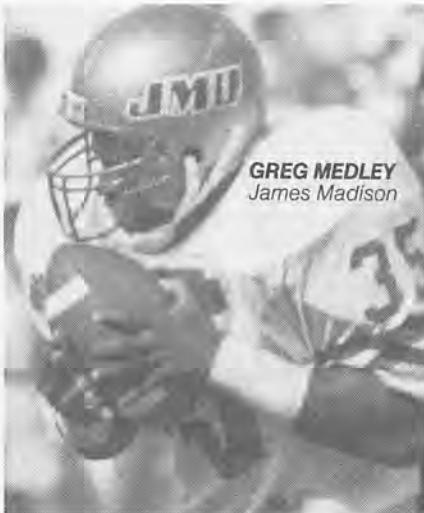
The defense, which has seven experienced starters, will be led by linebacker Frank Sayers, who made 99 tackles, and nose guard

Rodney Smith, whose credits include 80 tackles, 4½ sacks, and three fumble recoveries.

The Tigers lost two decisions in the final 30 seconds a year ago. Most foes won't be close enough to do that again.

JAMES MADISON

(5-6) The Dukes failed in their quest for a second straight journey to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in 1988, but they could make amends this fall. Seventeen regulars, led by all-star Steve Bates, should see to that. Bates (6-4, 240) moved from tackle to outside linebacker and immediately earned comparisons with former Dukes' star Charles Haley, now with the San Francisco 49ers. Bates receives plenty of aid from inside linebacker Darryl Thompson, the leading tackler last season, and tackle Jermel Harris, whose abilities allowed coach Joe Purzycki to shift Bates. Harris is an outstanding pass rusher.



GREG MEDLEY
James Madison

Offensive woes took the blame for the Dukes' sub-par 1988, and Purzycki is attempting to improve production by adding some wrinkles to the wing-T attack. For one thing, Purzycki wants to take advantage of the drop-back talents of quarterback Roger Waters, 6-4 and 235. He can throw 60-yard passes, but he lacks experience. Greg Medley, a two-year starter, and Willie Lanier (6-2, 240), the son of the Hall of Famer, provide a solid punch at fullback. They will probably play in the same backfield. Chris Schellhammer has gone from a walk-on to an all-star at offensive guard.

Purzycki frets over his offense despite the return of nine starters. But he has no such concerns about his defense, which has eight starters back from the team that ranked 13th nationally a year ago.

WILLIAM & MARY

(7-4-1) Losing the starter at quarterback to an injury in the first game is not the way to a successful season. But the Indians overcame that difficulty quite nicely in 1988, thanks to Craig Argo. Forced into the breach unexpectedly, Argo threw for 906 yards and eight touchdowns. Now that he's got some experience, he should be even better. Sophomores Robert Green (642 yards rushing) and Alan Williams and senior Tyrone Shelton (399) provide a running threat behind Argo. Guards Mack Partlow and Reggie White and tackle Peter Reid will lead the offensive line.

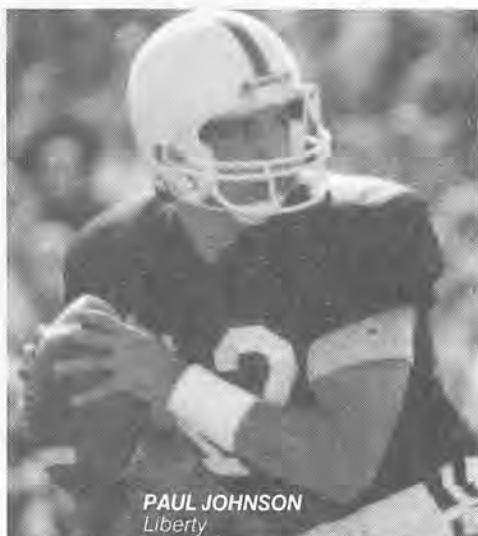
Strong safety Greg Kimball and free safety Shawn Davis are solid in the secondary; Bill Muse, Alan Garlick, and Todd Lee return in the line. Kevin Forrester and Brad Uhl, the regular linebackers in '88, are back, too, but both are coming off knee surgery. An added dimension is Steve Christie, who handles the punting and place-kicking duties. He already owns all the school season and career records for field goals. In 1988, he averaged 42.4 yards on 66 punts and scored 70 points on 15 field goals and 25 extra points.

Coach Jimmie Laycock is beginning his 10th year in Williamsburg and anticipates another successful season. Overcoming the loss of the starting quarterback with a 7-4-1 record illustrates his program is solid.

LIBERTY

(8-3) The Flames came within five points of an undefeated record in their first year of NCAA Division I-AA competition. Sam Rutigliano, formerly of the NFL's Cleveland Browns, has set the playoffs as the goal in his initial season as coach. "If we beat Eastern Michigan and have a good year, they'll have to invite us," reasoned Rutigliano.

Liberty returns 15 starters, including nine on offense. Paul Johnson, a three-year regular, was 11th in the nation in passing efficiency in



PAUL JOHNSON
Liberty

'88, completing 133 of 228 for 1,578 yards and 18 touchdowns. He'll operate behind a senior line led by Tom McCutcheon, Barry Rice, and Mark Smith. Tailback Charles McCray rushed for 697 yards and a school-record 15 TDs. His running mate, Leroy Kinard, piled up 721 yards. Fullback Clarence Shelton and Keith Vinson also return in the backfield. Track All-America Scott Queen rejoins a receiving corps that features Paul Nelson, L.G. Parrish, and Eric Green.

Defensively, the strength is in the secondary, where free safety is the leading tackler. Ernie Antolik and Donald Smith are the other starters back, with Phil DeBerry moving up to first-string. Up front, Tim Smith, Neal Bryant, and Mark DeDecker are experienced. Linebackers are Johnny Woods, David Jenkins, Jeff Curtis, and redshirt Donald Lindsey.

With the construction of a 12,000-seat stadium on campus, the hiring of Rutigliano, and the wealth of returning talent, the Eagles should soar—perhaps into the playoffs.

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FURMAN

(13-2) The Paladins entered the 1988 season intent on rebuilding. They did that and more—they won the national championship! By succeeding beyond their wildest August dreams, Furman becomes the No. 1 priority on every foe's schedule. That's O.K., the Paladins are used to it. Coach Jimmy Satterfield presides over one of the strongest programs in I-AA.

If any team in I-AA fits the "They don't rebuild, they reload" scenario, it's Furman. The depth is impressive. Seven backs gained at least 188 yards. Injuries at fullback and tailback did not impede progress in the least. At this time a year ago, they had seven starters returning and were picked to finish fourth in the Southern Conference race. Yet Furman earned a share of the league title en route to a national crown and a visit with George Bush. Now, with 15 regulars back, what can the Paladins do for an encore?

Another splendid season is expected. But Satterfield warns against getting too carried away. "Dreaming won't make it happen," he said. "Some teams that have won championships recently have not fared well the following year, and that's what we want to avoid."

The Paladins' offense always racks up some big numbers, but defense comes first. The 1988 unit, filled with new faces, merely became the best in the school's history and one of the best nationally. It surrendered only 9.5 points per game. Although All-America linebacker Jeff Blankenship (580 career tackles) is gone, the defense will be outstanding again. Tackle Brian Pitts and middle guard Allen Edwards anchor the line. Ends/outside linebackers may be the team's strongest position with Kelly Fletcher and Chris Roper, and weakside linebacker Kevin Kendrick sparkles. Cornerback Pat Turner and free safety William Hall earn rave reviews. The biggest challenge is to replace Blankenship at inside linebacker. The man expected to fill the job is redshirt freshman Kota Suttle. He is one of the team's top athletes but has no game experience. He missed most of the championship season with a knee injury.

The offense figures to gobble up the yards again with six starters back. Although young, the line is experienced. Receivers Donald

Lipscomb, Brad Stephens, Freddie Burns and John Whitmire have more speed. All-Southern center Steve Duggan and guard David Adams highlight the line. Junior quarterback Frankie DeBusk racked up 1,928 yards in guiding the Paladins to the championship. Bobby Daugherty, Richie Harris, and Dwight Sterling are talented tailbacks. All the specialists return, too.

MARSHALL

(11-2) The Thundering Herd's fortunes have never been better. They've put together five consecutive winning seasons for the first time since the 1930s and will be looking for their third straight trip to the I-AA playoffs.

To get the job done this fall, Marshall must find replacements for its splendid corps of receivers: Mike Barber, Sean Doctor, and Bruce Hammond. But coach George Chaump does have senior quarterback John Gregory, who led the Southern and ranked 16th nationally in total offense (225.7 yards per game). He threw for 3,127 yards and 21 TDs. But inexperience among his receivers could be a problem. Doctor, Barber, and Hammond combined for 161 receptions for 2,634 yards and 19 TDs. The deep threat offered by Barber and Hammond will be missed. In addition to Gregory, five other regulars return on offense. All-Southern running back Ron Darby rushed for 1,282 yards and could get even more opportunities with the ball this season. Kicker Dewey Klein was the league's top freshman after scoring 98 points.

The Herd ranked third in the league in total defense and second in scoring defense. But only three starters, led by linebacker Larry Huffman, return to the unit.

Marshall placed second in the I-AA playoffs in 1987, losing a 43-42 shootout to Northeast Louisiana in the finals. Last season, the Herd shared the Southern title with Furman, whom they beat 24-10, in the regular season but lost to, 13-9, in the playoffs.

CITADEL

(8-4) The Citadel fashioned the school's best record in 17 years and earned its first invitation to the I-AA playoffs. To reach the same heights this fall, some question marks must become exclamation points. Although 12 regulars, six on each side of the ball, are back, coach Charlie Taaffe must replace some key personnel. Among the missing are quarterback Gene Brown, the conference and state offensive player of the year; All-America offensive guard Carlos Avalos; inside linebackers Pete Long and Matt Markin, the 1-2 tacklers; and free safety J.D. Cauthen, who had 95 tackles and six interceptions.

But there are bright spots. Adrian Johnson and Raymond Mazyck, who combined for 1,653 yards rushing, assure a strong ground game, and the defensive line and secondary are well-fortified. The most pressing concern is quarterback, where Brown, one of the nation's best on the option, must be replaced. Four players, none with much experience, seek to operate the wishbone attack. Brendon Potts came out of spring drills atop the depth chart. Soph Jack Douglas, who did not play at all last year, is No. 2. Mike Bortnick has a bit of game experience, and Terrance Young, who played in the secondary for two seasons, has enough speed and high school option experience to merit a look.

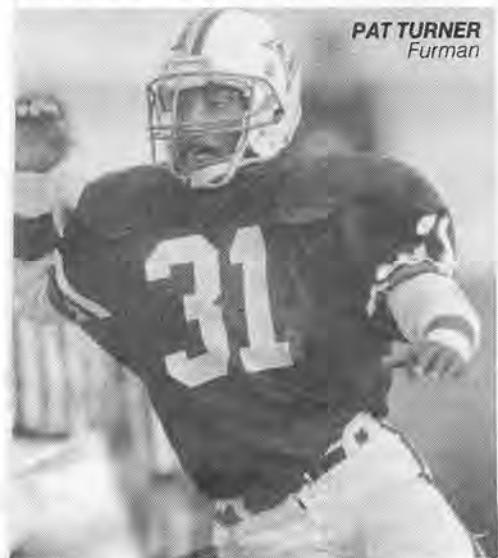
Johnson is sure to get the ball often. He rushed for 1,134 yards and scored 13 TDs. Mazyck averaged 5.19 yards per carry in gaining 519. Three starters are gone from the line that paved the way for the nation's No. 3 rushing attack. Charles Wallace will start for the third year at guard, and tackle Rick Brodsky is a possible all-star. A knee injury sidelined tackle Jay Grissom. Mike Cory switched from defense and could start. Although they don't throw much, the Bulldogs have big-play receivers in Mark Nash (13-276) and Phillip Florence (14-322).

Tackle David Russinko and middle guard Sean McCarthy solidify the defensive front, and Tracy Thompson showed enough potential for Cory, a starter in '88, to be switched to offense. J.J. Davis (95 tackles) has moved from outside to inside linebacker and will be joined there by special-teams' ace Dwayne Smalls. Lance Cook and Bill Melby take over outside. Lester Smith steps into Cauthen's spot, joining returning starters David Matherly and Jay Jackson in the secondary.

Hank Burriss handles all the kicking.

APPALACHIAN STATE

(6-4-1) Jerry Moore inherits 13 starters and hopes to match the success of predecessor Sparky Woods. Under Woods, now at South



Carolina, the Mountaineers won two championships and had records of 34-12-2 overall and 23-4-1 in the league over the past four years. The worst of the bunch turned out to be last season's 6-4-1, 4-3 marks. But two of those losses came by a total of seven points.

A deep and experienced offensive backfield and the secondary should be the Mountaineers' strengths. Negatives include lack of experience among the receivers and the kickers. Bobby Fuller, No. 1 in the league in passing efficiency, transferred to South Carolina against the wishes of Sparky Woods. Ritchie Melchor (520 yards) leads the rushers. Tackle Derrick Graham (6-6, 300), a preseason I-AA All-America pick, could be the league's best offensive lineman.

Four of the top five tacklers return. Inside linebacker Johnny Jennings heads the list. Free safety Keith Collins, also the Southern's 100-meter dash champion, leads three starters in the secondary. Tackle Chris Conner (86 tackles, 8 for losses) is the best lineman. Sorely missed will be All-America kicker Bjorn Nittmo, who set 11 school records.

A plus is the schedule, which this year includes six home games, dates with NAIA foes Catawba and Gardner-Webb, and only one I-AA opponent: Wake Forest. A year from now, the Mountaineers will have Wake Forest, Clemson, N.C. State, and Furman among their first five games.

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

(4-7) The Moccasins perked up a bit after freshman Vince Carrelli took over at quarterback in the ninth game. They scored 29 points in a loss to playoff-bound Western Kentucky, 28 in a shocker over Appalachian State, and lost to Furman by three in a driving rain in his three starts. The return of 12 starters provides reasons for optimism, but UT-Chattanooga also has some big holes to plug. Four of the top six tacklers are gone, and the top two rushers must be replaced.

Seven offensive regulars, including the entire interior line, return. Carrelli and fullback Cedric Smith will operate behind tackles Carey Jackson and Chad Martin, guards Ricky Bray and Ken Crisp, and center Brian Hill. Carrelli completed 52 of his 100 passes for 722 yards and four TDs. That would project into a 2,000-yard season. Smith started all 11 games, netting 380 yards and scoring four TDs. With Darryl Streeter (613 yards) and Andre Lockhart (599) among the missing, the Moccasins do not have an experienced tailback. The receiving spots are also thin. Tony Head and James Drake, the only lettermen at split end, combined for nine catches. Three veteran tight ends caught four passes.

Look for linebacker Junior Jackson to pace the defense. He led the team with 120 stops. Troy Boeck and Joe Brunson return at the tackles, Terone Harris at end, and Brance Draine at cornerback. But three starters in the secondary must be replaced. Overall, the unit that ranked second in the league and 16th nationally will miss four all-Southern players, including punter Billy Smith.

WESTERN CAROLINA

(2-9) Long-time head football coach Bob Waters, a victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, passed away in June, not long after being named to the newly created position of asso-

ciate athletic director. He will be missed. Dale Strahm, formerly at the University of Georgia, takes over as coach. Strahm inherits 10 starters. The offensive unit should be improved, and the defense can't be any worse.

Mark Smith (1,218 yards passing), who started the last three games, and Todd Cottrell (1,165), who started the first eight, return at quarterback. Guard Tony Garagiola and tackle John Martin highlight the line, and tailbacks Carlton Terry (643 yards, 5 TDs) and Darryl Jackson (329 yards, 4 TDs) join fullbacks David Jones and Johnny Parton. The Catamounts, caught for the first time in many years without an outstanding wide receiver, will switch huge tight end Jon Reed to the outside. He caught 37 passes for 613 yards.

The defense is another story. The unit surrendered 395 yards and 31 points a game, the school's worst ever in both departments. A wave of injuries that wiped out the linebacking corps is the reason. The fact that the free safety and strong safety ranked 1-2 on the tackle chart tells the tale. The linebackers should be improved, but tackle Derrick Harrison is the only lineman with experience. Wayne Parker and Calvin Gist, both starters in 1987 and injury victims in '88, are expected to start at linebacker. So is Larry Irman. Help could come from James Howell, who sparkled in spring practice, and Myron Sharpe. Craig Williamson, Terrell Wagner, and Ricky Gardin will lead the secondary.

On paper, the Catamounts have to be improved. And Strahm has instilled renewed enthusiasm into the program. How that translates into victories remains to be seen.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

(3-8) It's back to the basics for the Buccaneers in their second season under coach Don Riley, who hopes improvement in overall fundamentals will translate into some success on Saturday. His first full-season recruiting class could provide immediate help if some of the linemen deliver to expectations. Still, depth is going to be a problem, and the linebacking corps must be replaced.

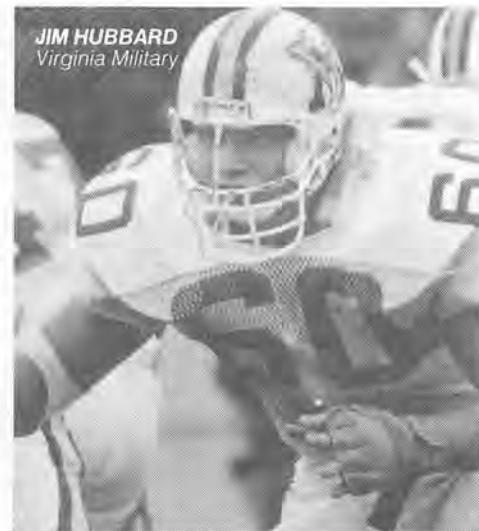
Four players will battle to start at quarterback. Randy Meredith (119 of 211 for 1,129 yards and 5 TDs) and sophomore Mark Williams (46 of 109 for 783 yards and 3 TDs) have the edge in experience. The addition of junior-college transfers Greg Adolph at center and Ben Kirk at tackle to team with four veterans should mean better results in the line. George Searcy (657 yards rushing) and Albert Burt (318) will divide the tailback chores again, and David Harvin moves to fullback. Flanker Dale Middleton (24 receptions, 326 yards) heads the receivers. Another plus is the return of kicker Mike Shoun, who made 14 of 17 field goals and 22 of 23 PATs in 1987 before sitting out last year.

Veterans Rick Harris, Juan McGarrah, and William Dean lead an experienced secondary. Harris also owns the national record for interception-return yardage (452). His 20 interceptions are four short of another mark. Rodney Landreth and Rayford Johnson move from the secondary to linebacker, and Sam Ivester switches to linebacker from the offensive line. Juco transfer Orville Barnes will compete with Steve Banco and Robin Lynch at middle guard, and Darryl Butler, Jeff Page, and Brian Wilson are back at the tackles.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

(2-9) Virginia Military and The Citadel are bitter rivals in athletics, but that did not stop VMI from adopting a plan that worked well at The Citadel. Charlie Taaffe moved from the offensive coordinator's post at Army and turned The Citadel's program around with the wishbone offense. The Keydets hope Jim Shuck does the same.

Shuck took over at VMI on January 3 and brought the wishbone with him. But he did encounter a problem: finding a quarterback to operate the option. Shuck and his staff tried seven players at quarterback during the spring with sophomores Tony Douglas and Glen Buck and senior David Darden the most likely to play this fall. Marcus Mines and Donovan McCauley led all halfbacks in rushing in the spring game, and either junior Tim Hayes or senior Steve Roenker, the starter at tight end in 1988, will handle the fullback duties. Split end Mark Rumph is solid. Tackles Jim Hubbard and guard Beau Quattrone anchor the line, and Todd Northrop has moved from guard to tackle. Joe Sokolowski moved ahead of incumbent Dave Petka at center.



JIM HUBBARD

Virginia Military

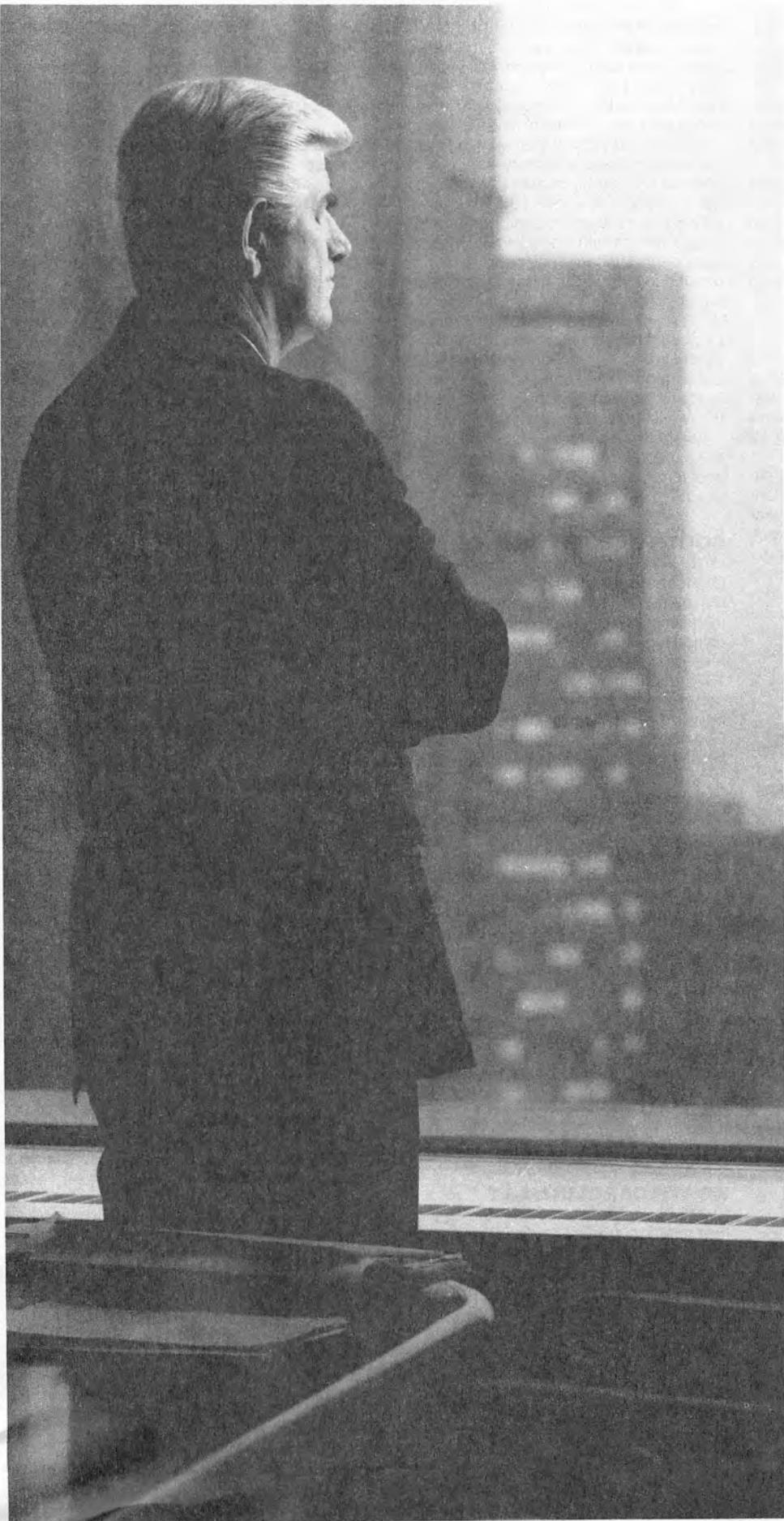
Experience abounds on defense. Dap Tilley and Eric Harrison return at tackles and two-year starter Lionel Taylor at middle guard. Leading tackler Jeff Barnes moves from end to inside linebacker. Mike Kemp or Trentin Davis will be the other inside backer. Wayne Purcell and Chris Rule will start outside. The secondary features all new starters, but seven players have experience. Mark Cager at one corner and strong safety Brian Pannell will likely lead the unit.

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FLORIDA A&M

(4-2, 6-4-1) Despite playing a difficult schedule, Florida A&M narrowly missed winning the conference crown last season. And with the players they have returning this season, they should be in the thick of things again.

Quarterback Tony Ezell stepped forward as a redshirt freshman and passed for 889 yards and 11 touchdowns, in addition to showing poise and maturity at key situations. Sean Gilliam (322 yards) is the team's leading returning rusher, while Amir Rasul and Stacy LeMay will also see duty in the backfield.



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But any success the Rattlers had last year had to be traced to the MEAC's No. 1 defense. Linebacker Darryl Davis led the team in tackles and is back this season, as are cornerbacks William Evers and Lowell Crawford. However, the Rattlers will have to deal with the loss of two-time all-MEAC lineman Bryan Brewer, who transferred to Texas Southern.

The Rattlers also have one of the league's better special teams. Receiver/return man Howard Huckaby is one of the most exciting players in Division I-AA and is a threat to go the distance every time he touches the ball. Place-kicker Jimmy Vertuno led the league in scoring last year with 68 points.

DELAWARE STATE

(4-2, 5-5) After losing their first four games, the Hornets turned it around over the last half of the season, winning five of their last six. Coach Bill Collick will have an excellent nucleus to work with this year: 18 starters and 50 lettermen are expected to return.

Darren Felton, who passed for more than 1,000 yards and accounted for 11 touchdowns in 1988, is back for his senior campaign. Though Delaware State's wing-T attack suffered a blow when 1,000-yard man Reggie Barnes completed his eligibility last season, Eric Wainwright, who was an all-league selection at linebacker last year, may be switched to running back to help plug up some backfield holes. Backs Mike Riddick and John Barber also return and the dangerous Tim Egerton and tight end Dave Jones will provide Felton with excellent targets.

Defensive backs Reggie Johnson and Elvis Hines finished 1-2 in the league in interceptions and they return on defense, along with pass-rusher supreme Malcolm Showell, tackle Andy Harris, and safety Marc Ware.

HOWARD

(3-3, 7-4) Last year was a rough one for the Bison. After being picked to win the conference, Howard, despite having the best overall record among league members, finished fourth. During the offseason, they lost head coach Willie Jeffries, who opted to return to South Carolina State, his alma mater. Then they lost nine players, including seven key performers, because they saw some special-teams' duty during an alleged redshirt year, costing them their final season of eligibility.

Steve Wilson, a former defensive back with the Denver Broncos, takes over at Howard in his first coaching job anywhere. He brings with him a completely new offensive scheme, one that changes Howard from a dive-option offense to a pro-set passing game. He will have to rebuild his offensive line around senior tackle Willie Felder (6-7, 360), while tailback James Carpenter and quarterback Donald Carr, after seeing spot duty a year ago, will move into full-time roles this season.

With four former pro players on his staff, Wilson is hoping the defense can keep Howard in games until the offense comes around. He has the material to work with. Tackle James Moore (6-1, 300) will anchor the line, Charles Gibbs is a solid linebacker, and James Moses, Willie Johnson, and Sean Van Horse will lead a talented secondary.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(4-2, 5-6) Because of their victories against Florida A&M and Delaware State, the Wildcats

emerged from the confusion of the MEAC's regular-season race and claimed the title. Though they lost heavily from last year's team, coach Larry Little is hoping that the large number of players that saw quality time in key situations will help fill some of those empty spots.

As it is nearly every year with the Wildcats, the receivers are a primary strength. Stevie Thomas will catch just about anything he can get his hands on. He led the league with 43 receptions as a junior Lebron Sumpter provides Bethune with a good complementary receiver and Michael Thompson, in addition to running for 510 yards, also caught 19 passes out of the backfield. But in order to repeat, the Wildcats must find a replacement for quarterback Anthony Thomas, who threw for 2,500 yards last season. Four players, including converted receiver Lamarc Anderson, are vying to fill the vacancy. Center Michael Willis is the only starter returning on the line.

On the opposite side of the line, big things are expected from back Evan Toney, linemen Joe Jones and Godfrey Story, and linebacker Cedric McKinnon.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(3-3, 4-7) Enthusiasm is running high in Orangeburg this season, largely because of the return of coach Willie Jeffries. For six years in the mid-1970s, coach Jeff and the Bulldogs owned the MEAC, winning or sharing five conference crowns and compiling a glittering 50-13-4 record. Now after stints at Wichita State and Howard, Jeffries is back at State, where he will be greeted by 11 returning starters. Five of those regulars are back on offense, led by all-MEAC tackle Eric Douglas and steady guard Bobby Irby. Running back Zach Whitley is the team's top returning rusher and J.W. Montgomery heads a fleet receiving corps. Jasper Brooks is the team's most experienced quarterback, but he is being pushed hard by Jon Robinson and Demetrius McMullin.

Jamal Isom, an aggressive, gifted free safety, will lead the defense. Linebackers Jimmy Buchanan, second on the team in tackles to Isom, and Reggie Kennedy also return, as does strong safety William Weaver. However, the Bulldogs must replace all three down linemen. Tackle Matthew Murphy has promise but needs more game experience.

Another strength for State is its kicking game. Nick Caliguri didn't miss any of his PATs last season and punters Robbie Dunning and Mike Freeborn have excellent potential. If Jeffries can fill some holes on both lines, the Bulldogs could make a first-division finish.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(2-4, 2-9) Coach Bill Hayes is hoping the second time around goes a little better than the first one did. A&T finished 2-9 in Hayes's initial campaign with the Aggies, but with a year's experience and a strong recruiting class, things could be looking up for A&T.

On defense, everything begins and ends with All-America linebacker Demetrius Harrison. The 6-4, 220-pound senior was the MEAC's defensive player of the year. Nose guard Kirk Graham is the mainstay of several returning linemen and safety Dee Moye will anchor the secondary.

The Aggie offense sputtered last season, finishing the year with 13 touchdowns in 11 games. Cornell Maynor, who came over with

Hayes from rival Winston-Salem State, seized the quarterbacking duties during the spring. His ability to make the big play is something A&T was lacking last year. Jerome Crawford and burners Doraine Harris and Anthony Carrington will solidify the backfield and Hilton Winstead, who quarterbacked the Aggies last season, will move to wingback.

MORGAN STATE

(0-6, 1-10) The Bears traditionally field a strong, physical unit that plays hard all the time. Unfortunately for coach Ed Wyche, that doesn't transfer into wins. In his first season last year, Morgan finished with one victory. The Bears have won but three games in the last five years and haven't won a conference outing since reuniting with the MEAC in 1984.

The offense could be much improved with 10 starters returning. Darryl Jackson is entering his third year as quarterback. Michael Daniels, Marco Kornegay, and Nate Ayers are capable runners, but they must improve their production this year. The Bears also have a big-play man in sophomore Glenn Moore, who led the MEAC in receiving yardage. Calvin Montgomery (295) should be one of the league's top offensive linemen.

Defensively, the Bears were second in the conference against the pass but still gave up nearly 30 points a contest. Six starters are back, headed by linebacker James Dozier and back Nathaniel Parham.

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NORTHERN DIVISION

HAMPTON

(3-3, 7-3) The Pirates were the league's most explosive offensive team last year, averaging 34 points a game. But they lost all three of their games within the conference—by a total of 11 points—to finish third in the division.

The Pirates have a wealth of players back at the skill positions, including a quartet of talented underclassmen. Tim Dudley ran for 1,004 yards last year and missed out on the league's rushing title by just one yard despite carrying 18 fewer times than Winston-Salem's Broderick Graves. Dudley also scored 11 touchdowns and will be joined in the backfield by fellow junior Mark Brailey (464 yards). Quarterback Russell Johnson, also a junior, threw for 1,572 yards and 14 scores. Many of his passes this season will again be headed in the direction of Johnny Barnes, who caught 30 for 10 TDs and averaged 31.7 yards a catch. Darryl Ryals (300) and Walter Kinard (278) spearhead the line.

Troy Gresham had 10 sacks last year and will be one of Hampton's keys defensively, as will back Stacy Saunders (11 interceptions) and linebacker James Chapman. Levi Perry is a solid back.

NORFOLK STATE

(2-4, 5-5) The Spartans were very young last season but still had their moments, with victories over Hampton and North Carolina A&T. Coach Willard Bailey may have the cogs to improve on that record.

Offensive linemen Robert Roberson (6-5, 300) and Darryl Franklin are among the best in the league. Running back Mike Waugh ran for 396 yards a year ago and Lloyd Watkins also

returns. James Barnes and Joe Bryant are battling it out for quarterback.

Norfolk will have one of the better linebacking corps in the conference in James Stallings, Chris Booker, and Art Jimmerson, while Leroy Haynesworth and Larry Bryant should be the leaders in the secondary. The Spartans also boast a trio of dangerous, elusive return men: Donnie Morris, Steven Bailey, and Michael Howard, who doubles at wide receiver.

VIRGINIA UNION

(4-2, 7-2) No matter what kind of team they put on the field, offense-oriented or defensive-minded, the Panthers are always competitive. Despite some key losses, coach Joe Taylor hopes that won't change this year.

Union lost all-everything quarterback Ken Jones, but other coaches are shedding no tears for Taylor. Carl Wright spent last season under the tutelage of Jones and had a good spring. At 6-foot-5, he has the ability to see over defenses and has a good arm. When he's not throwing, he'll be handing off to Kurt Greene, who, as a redshirt freshman, ran for 447 yards and averaged 7.3 yards a carry, scoring 10 touchdowns. Donald Saunders (34 catches) is a quality receiver. Taylor is also looking for big things from lineman Marcus Hedges and fullback William Flight.

The Panthers also lost another conference player of the year on defense: linebacker Leroy Gause. Redshirt freshman Tim Hall will try to fill his slot. Linebacker Randall Pearson is solid. Herbert Parham, one of the team's strongest players, will attempt to bottle up the opposition's running game.

VIRGINIA STATE

(5-1, 7-4) The Trojans came within an eyelash of defeating Winston-Salem State last year for the CIAA championship, getting inside the 5-yard line with less than a minute to go in the game before being turned away. Despite some heavy losses, coach Greg Goings should be able to keep things on the up side.

Clifton Cooper is one of the team's best offensive players. As a junior last season, he rushed for 728 yards, third in the league. He will be running behind a quality line, headed by center DeAndrea Neal (6-3, 315), who may be the CIAA's premier lineman. Tight end John Jones and guard Shaun Early also return.

On defense, Rodney Nettles led the team in tackles last season. Brian Nunn and Reggie High anchor the line. Anthony Burfoot, an all-conference pick, leads the secondary.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE

(1-4-1, 2-7-1) Johnnie Walton, a former quarterback with Boston of the now-defunct United States Football League, hopes to turn the fortunes of the Viking program around. After a good start last season, Elizabeth City dropped its last seven games by an average score of 33-7.

Junior linebacker Mike Mabry was third in the CIAA in tackles and an all-conference selection. He and back Curtis Perkins will key the defense. Offensively, quarterback Randall Jackson, took over midway through the season and gained valuable experience. Rodney McNeil is the team's leading returning rusher and he will be running through holes opened by center Landon Miales.

Because Walton took over the head-coaching position late in the school year, the Bron-

cos weren't able to conduct spring practice and are starting off the year a step behind. The enthusiasm is there and Walton is hoping that earnestness translates into competitiveness as the season unfolds.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

WINSTON-SALEM STATE

(5-1, 10-2) Some of the faces changed last season, but the results were still the same for the Rams. In Pete Richardson's first season as head coach, WSSU finished 10-2 and won the CIAA for the second straight year. Many coaches believe the Rams will be up there again this year, but Richardson isn't quite so sure. "We've got most of our skill people coming back on offense and defense," he said, "but we have a lot of spots to fill on the lines. A lot of how well we do will depend on how fast our young kids can pick up the system."

Quarterback Kenny Jones is back after passing for nearly 1,000 yards last year. Broderick Graves led the CIAA in rushing (1,005 yards) and scoring (14 TDs) and he again will be the focus of Winston's prolific wing-T attack. Ron Beverly and Rodney McKoy are also dependable runners and Clayton Suggs is an all-conference guard.

Anthony McCord, Cornell Wallace, and Donald Frank will lead an always tough secondary and linebacker Les Barley was second in the CIAA in tackles. Willie Jones is another quality player. The Rams will have an additional weapon in kicker Dino Beligrinis, who converted 35 of 38 PATs and 17 of 23 field-goal attempts in 1988.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

(4-1-1, 9-2-1) Winston-Salem State won most of the CIAA battles in '88, but it was Central that won the war. The Eagles beat the Rams twice—the second time in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. There are some missing pieces to last year's team, but it wasn't so much the quantity of players lost, but the quality. Quarterback Earl Harvey finished a brilliant career as the all-time total-offense leader in Division II history. Cornerback Robert Massey, a second-round pick of the New Orleans Saints, has also departed and taken two valuable members of the same secondary with him.

Ed Witcher will try to fill the shoes of Harvey. He does have good targets to throw to in all-CIAA receiver Anthony Cooley and Reece Hargrove. But coach Henry Lattimore wants to establish a running game to take some of the pressure off Witcher. He'll try to build one around fullback Gary Leak.

Harry Edmonds, a junior linebacker, came into his own last season and led the team with 74 tackles. The Eagles are hoping his leadership ability and intensity will rub off on some of the younger players and keep NCCU near the top of the division standings.

BOWIE STATE

(4-1-1, 9-2-1) After years of being beat up by everyone in the CIAA, the Bulldogs started handing out some punishment last year, finishing at 9-2-1 and making the NCAA Division II playoffs. Sanders Shiver, an assistant for the last three seasons, takes over for Dave Dolch, who is now coaching at Morningside College. Shiver hopes to keep the Bulldogs' run-oriented attack working, despite the loss of all-CIAA

back Tony Atwater. Tim Styles, also a dangerous kick-return man, should get more opportunities to carry the ball.

Defensively, linebacker Tony Bennet made the all-rookie team. Anthony Johnson was second in the league in interceptions and will be the main cog in the secondary. Kicker Mark Fitzpatrick scored 48 points as a frosh.

JOHNSON C. SMITH

(1-4-1, 2-7-1) After nearly breaking even two years ago, the Golden Bulls took a step backward last season, finishing 2-7-1. Quarterback Maurice Flowers threw for over 1,000 yards and nine touchdowns as a sophomore. If he can improve on his 36 percent completion rate, he will be more of a factor. Joachim Weinberg is the team's leading receiver, David Washington is the top returning rusher. Center Broderick Campbell is also back, but the Golden Bulls managed only 382 yards rushing—in 10 games.

Otis Praylow led Smith's defensive unit with a team-high 55 tackles. He'll be joined by fellow linebackers Eric Wright, Hazel Williams, and Andy Muriel. Steve Tanner and Donnell Johnson will play nose guard and defensive end, respectively, and Mitchell Hargett and Willie Cole will spearhead the secondary.

LIVINGSTONE

(1-5, 3-6) Last season, coach Fletcher Jones took over the program just one week before the beginning of fall practice. Despite the late start, the Bears still won three games. Now that they're familiar with Jones's system, they should build on that total this year.

Eight starters return on offense, headed by the quarterback tandem of Aaron Gaddis and Michael Jackson. Jackson is a passer and is very heady, while Gaddis is bigger and a little more versatile. Both will see plenty of playing time. Kevin Cunningham is a solid lineman and twin brothers Kelvin and Kenneth Perkins are big, rangy wideouts.

Defensively, linebacker Reggie Miller is back, as are another pair of twins: nose guard James Cunningham and linebacker John Cunningham. The line needs work, but Livingstone brought in seven sizable freshmen, all of whom are at least 6-0 and 250. Jones is hoping some of them can contribute right away.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE

(0-4-2, 0-7-2) The Broncos are in a tough transition period. Ray McDougal, who was the interim basketball coach last season, returns to the gridiron after an 11-year hiatus. He coached the Broncs from 1970-1978 and is the winningest coach in school history. But this season, a major task lies ahead.

He does have Andre Bowden, one of the better players in the league. The 6-2, 225-pound junior is a two-time all-conference linebacker and will be the main man defensively for Fayetteville again this year. Another strength is the defensive backfield, where Craig Sanders, Marvin Price, and Leon McLockton all return.

The Broncos, last in the league in total offense last year, could be helped by the return of Paul Stevens. He began 1988 as the starting quarterback, but an injury sidelined him for the rest of the season. If he isn't completely ready to go at the beginning, Willie Woodard will take over. James Bryant, who also returns kicks, will lead a good group of receivers.

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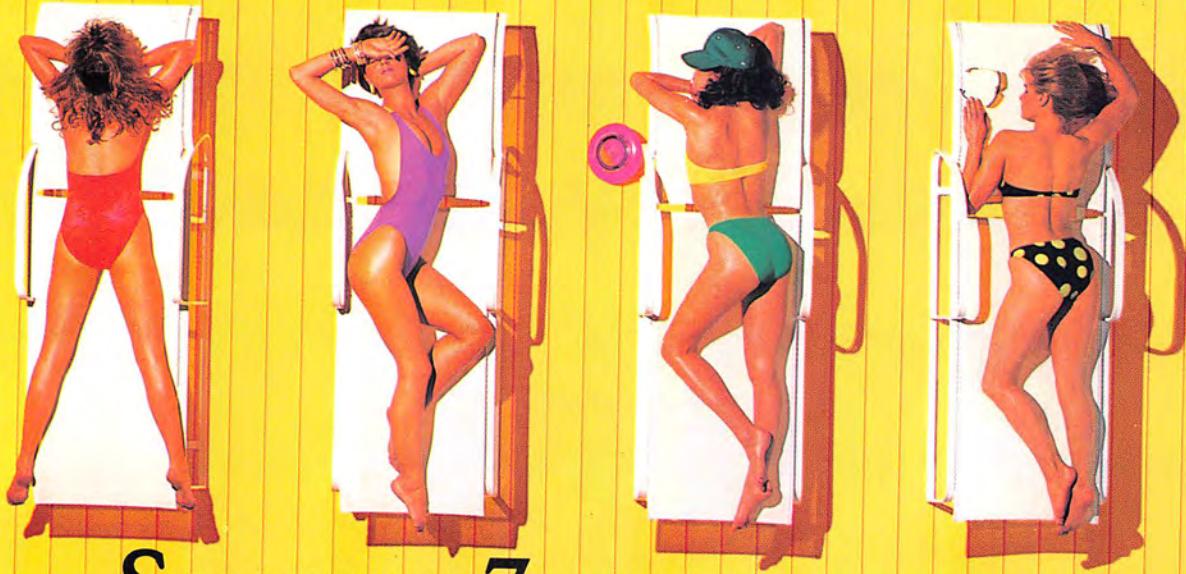
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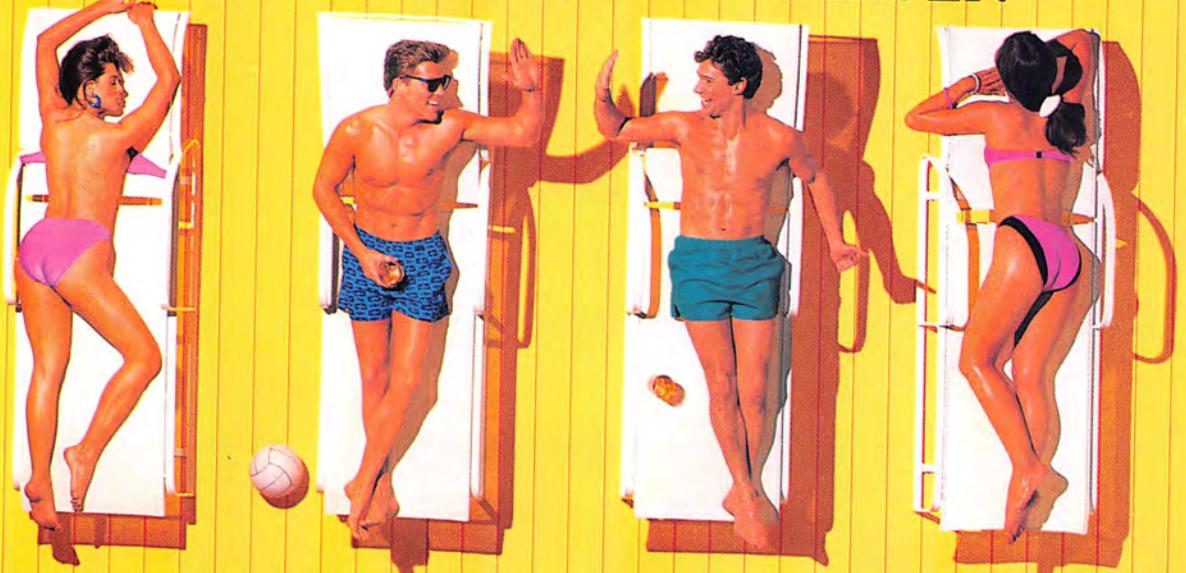
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